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## Tanker rates capped in city

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Amidst escalating demand for water and soaring price for its supply through tankers, Bengaluru district administration has capped water tanker prices for a four-month period.

As per the order, a 6,000-litre water tanker will cost ₹600 for delivery within a five-km radius, while the charge for an 8,000-litre tanker is capped at ₹700. The maximum rate fixed is ₹1,200 for a load of 12,000 litres of water.

At present, residents are shelling out for 12,000-litre tanker load anywhere between ₹1,800 and ₹2,500, depending on the locality. The problem is particularly acute in Whitefield and Varthur areas.

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# Sena row: SC asks if Maharashtra Speaker contradicted verdict

A Constitution Bench had held that legislative majority must not be used as a criterion to declare CM Eknath Shinde's faction as the 'real' Shiv Sena

**Krishnadas Rajagopal**
NEW DELHI

> The Speaker says the 'real' political party is discernible from which faction held the legislative majority at the time of the emergence of the rival factions... Is this not contrary to what we had laid down on May 11?
>
> **D.Y. CHANDRACHUD**
> Chief Justice of India

The Supreme Court on Thursday asked whether Maharashtra Speaker Rahul Narwekar "contradicted" a Constitution Bench judgment while banking on 'legislative majority' as a criterion to declare Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's faction as the "real" Shiv Sena.

"The Speaker says the 'real' political party is discernible from which faction held the legislative majority at the time of the emergence of the rival factions... Is this not contrary to what we had laid down on May 11?" Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, heading a three-judge Bench, asked.

Deciding the disqualification petitions filed against Mr. Shinde, Mr. Narwekar had on January 10 declared the Chief Minister's camp as the true party based on a finding that he had commanded the legislative majority at the time Shiv Sena splintered in June 2022.

On May 11, 2023, a Constitution Bench headed by Chief Justice Chandrachud had made it clear that the Speaker should not be swayed by the factor of a legislative majority.

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# SC to consider contempt plea against SBI

**Krishnadas Rajagopal**
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud on Thursday said the Supreme Court would consider listing a contempt petition against State Bank of India (SBI) Chairman Dinesh Kumar Khera for seeking time till June 30 to provide complete details of electoral bonds purchased since April 2019 to anonymously fund political parties.

The contempt petition, filed jointly by petitioners Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) and Common Cause, said the Supreme Court, while striking down the electoral bonds scheme, had directed the SBI to share details of the bonds sold to anonymous donors and political parties who had benefited from the transactions to the Election Commission by March 6.

The bank has said it needs time till June end to provide details about electoral bonds. REUTERS

The Election Commission was ordered to publish the data obtained from the bank on its official website by March 13.

However, the bank has put a spoke in the wheel by filing a nine-page application in the Supreme Court on March 4, just two days before the deadline.

The bank said it needed time till June end to provide the Election Commission details about the bonds.

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# Kashmiris 'breathing freely' now, says Modi

**Peerzada Ashiq**
SRINAGAR

Claiming that the people of Kashmir were now "breathing free" thanks to the revocation of Article 370, Prime Minister Narendra Modi – on his first trip to Jammu and Kashmir since it lost its autonomous status and Statehood – pledged to "keep winning the hearts of Kashmiris".

Addressing the crowd in Srinagar on Thursday, Mr. Modi targeted the Congress and its allies over Article 370.

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# HC allows board exams for classes 5, 8, and 9

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The State government on Thursday got a green signal for board exams for summative assessment of students in classes 5, 8, and 9, as a Division Bench of the High Court of Karnataka stayed the March 6 verdict of a single judge, who had quashed the government's decision to hold board exams. The Bench passed the order on an appeal filed by the government stating that the single judge's order would upset preparations made for holding exams, beginning March 11.

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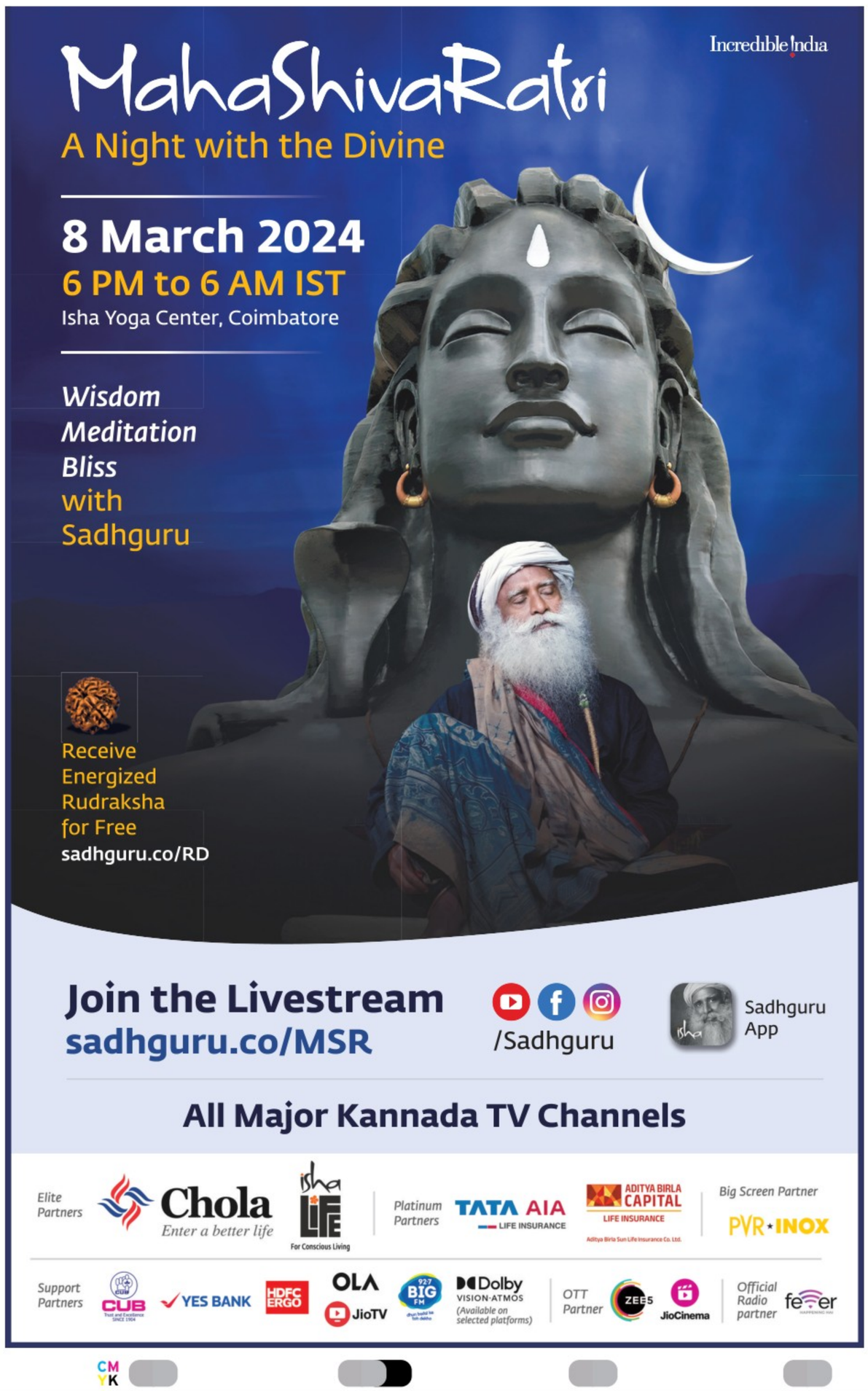


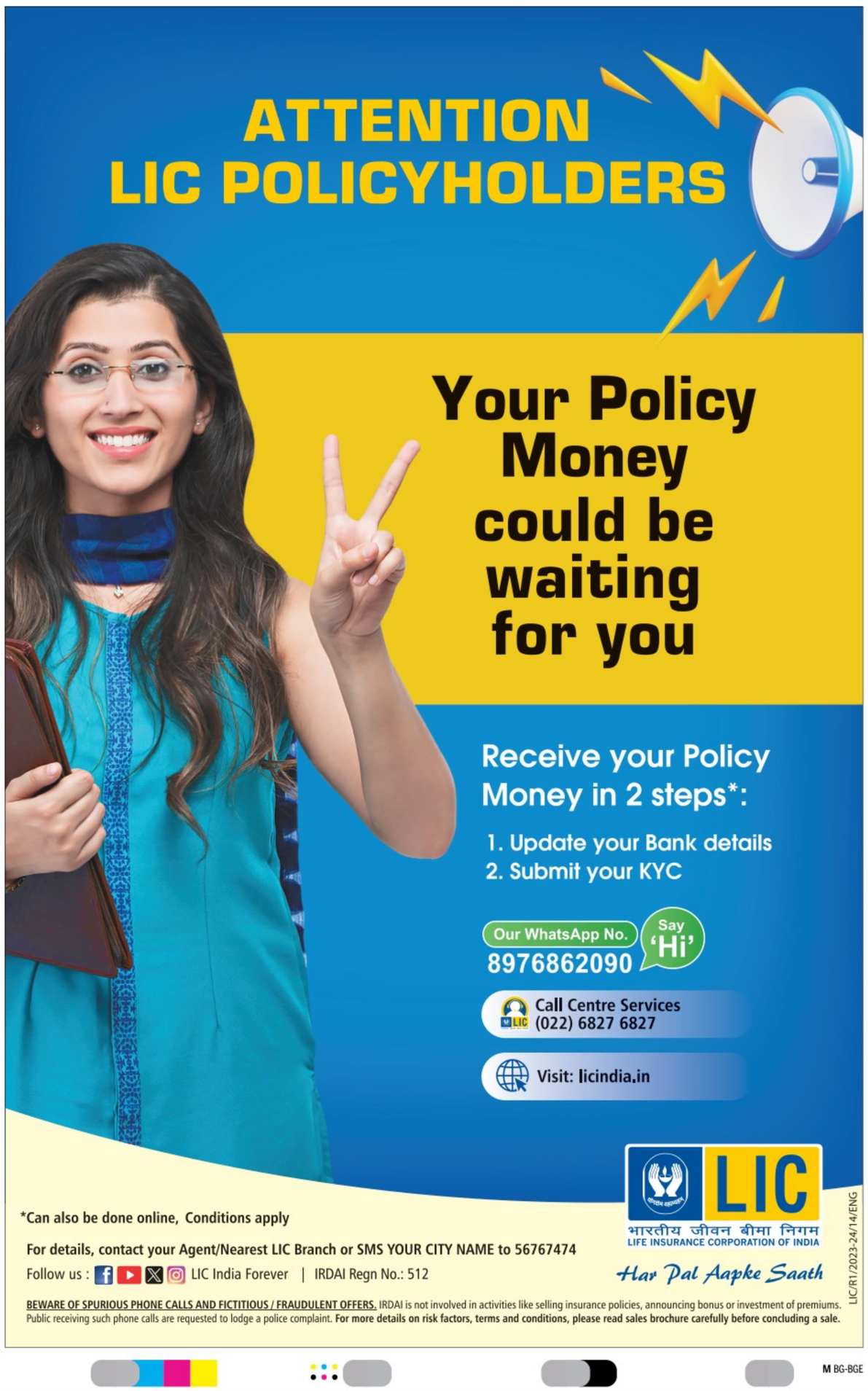
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# Patience, perseverance and pace — the Umesh Yadav formula for success

After going down the national side's pecking order following an under-par outing in the WTC final against Australia, he has bounced back in the domestic circuit

**Abhishek Saini**
NAGPUR

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- Umesh, who was preferred to Ashwin in favourable conditions in England, took just two wickets in the WTC final against Australia
- The speedster has turned it around in this year's Ranji, scalping 27 wickets and guiding Vidarbha to the final
- In the semifinal against Madhya Pradesh, he bowled extended spells lasting as many as eight overs

The effort with which Umesh Yadav plied endlessly for a greater part of his Test career, hitting the deck and grunting on release, on tracks that left the likes of R. Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja rubbing their hands, remains.

Among the fabled battery of fast bowlers, which was India's self-discovery of its pace trove under Virat Kohli, Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Shami made the ball talk at will, Ishant Sharma had his freakishly-high release point to exploit blended with reverse-swing, and Bhuvneshwar Kumar broke the batter down with his unerring consistency and natural swing.

Umesh could swing the ball away from the right-hander and wielded a bit of reverse swing too, but was not nearly as menacing as the names above. All he had to call for inclusion into the coveted club was effort. That was enough.

"You cannot escape that. You can be called in to bowl 20 overs in a day, at times even more if you are bowling well. So, the more you bowl, your body gets more used to it," Umesh says.

He emerged from Vidarbha with the promise of being one of India's quickest quicks, yet the trials of international cricket made for a rough entry onto the big stage. While his Test debut against the West Indies at home was largely impressive, India really turned to him for the Australian tour of 2011/12. With a panache for searing back-of-a-length deliveries spitting onto the batter, Umesh was tailor-made for conditions down under.

In four matches in the series, Umesh scalped 14 wickets at an average of nearly 40. The record does not look brighter through his later tours of Australia. In 10 Tests overall, Umesh picked up 31 wickets at 44.22. Through his 57-match Test career, Umesh has played just one match in South Africa. Bizarre for a talent poised to be India's fastest.

Yet for the same bowler, to come back and average 25.22 on home soil, conditions where the tweakers rule the roost, warrants a scratch of the head at first. On deeper inspection, it is a testament to Umesh's ability to wait for his turn, remould, and work in tandem with his partners.

"You know if the bowler from one end is not giving runs, the one from the other end is well placed to pounce on that. You have to stick to bowling well together to create those chances. It's just like a batting partnership.

"I am happy that if not me, my teammate is getting wickets. As a team, that is more important. At times, it will be the spinners, and at times the pacers. All you can do is stick to the length and keep the batters under pressure," Umesh says.

Somewhere between persisting with hard lengths, tirelessly banging the ball into the surface, and learning to hold one end, Umesh carved a niche in India's pace unit. While it may not have elevated him to poster-boy status, a luxury well-earned by a Bumrah or a Shami, Umesh quietly helped himself to a career haul of 170 odd wickets.

As he goes through another trough in his career, Umesh is back where it all started for him, Vidarbha, falling back on the same effort that held him for long. Umesh has not been in the scheme of things following a poor outing in the World Test Championship final against Australia last year. Chosen over Ashwin in the favourable England conditions, Umesh returned just two wickets in the match.

But his 27 wickets in seven games in the Ranji Trophy this season have been a case worth at least a pondering if not a nod. "See I can not say when or how I will come back. That is purely up to the management and the selectors in terms of what they're looking for and what they expect from which player. It depends on them," Umesh says. At 36, sticking to convention might call for the doors to be closed on a fast bowler. Umesh stimulates a second consideration even here. In the semifinal against Madhya Pradesh, Umesh bowled extended spells lasting as many as eight overs.

"What clicks for me, is my body. I know the more I bowl, the fitter I will stay. My body is fit, I played seven games this season, it's for everyone to see. I definitely feel I have the ability," Umesh says.

Casting an influence with his trademark hit-the-deck deliveries, Umesh has been a central piece as Vidarbha sits one step away from its third Ranji Trophy crown.

"Our batting and bowling units have stepped up when needed. We're clicking as a unit. The confidence and morale are quite high in our camp heading into the final. So, we are 100 percent sure we will do well," Umesh says.

The few who attended the semifinal at the VCA Stadium in Nagpur were loud enough with their chants of "Umesh, Umesh". For once, the local boy used to slipping under the radar was brought front and centre, and for good measure.

# Lee — from a versatile player to Torpedoes' guide and game-changer

**Tarun Shastry**

David Lee's illustrious career can be summed up in one phrase: *Veni, Vidi, Vici* (I came, I saw, I conquered).

The 'Vici' came when the American volleyball team won the gold medal at the Beijing Olympics back in 2008. He followed it up with a bronze at the Rio Olympics in 2016.

A versatile player, he excelled at multiple positions – be it as a middle-blocker, opposite-hitter, outside-hitter, or even server – making him an invaluable asset to any team he represented across the globe in various leagues and tournaments.

That versatility was evident in his squad Bengaluru Torpedoes in the third season of the Prime Volleyball League, where he is the head coach.

Torpedoes' Srajan Shetty said: "He [Lee] has changed my game and my life as well. I started as a substitute and was a very average player. Though I did not have experience, he felt I had the skill and gave me a chance, since he liked the way I played.

"My game was plodding initially. In India, if someone is a middle-blocker he'll concentrate only on blocking; if someone is an attacker, he'll focus only on that. But, Lee turned me into a libero, attacker, middle-blocker and made me serve as well. He ensured I learned everything."

Speaking about Srajan, Lee said, "He is the future. He is young and has so much potential. He watches the game closely and makes good decisions while blocking. He is fast in attack. These are two important things to be a successful middle. I want him to be a complete player. His serve is good, but he needs to improve on his consistency. As long as he is focused and remains a student of the game, he will be the guy to watch out for."

This is Lee's second season as the Torpedoes' coach. In his first, he led the team to the final, but

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unfortunately ended as runner-up. "This season has been much easier than the first, where I made a lot of mistakes. However, after gaining experience, this time it has been much less stressful for me. I know the players well as we have retained the same squad. Our goal is to improve every year. Our players on the court are getting better, especially Sethu (T.R.) His serve is phenomenal, and he is a game-changer."

Sethu displayed exceptional skills in the game against Calicut Heroes, keeping the opponent on its toes with his aggressive serves throughout the match. He single-handedly carried the team with his player-of-the-match performance.

Speaking about Lee's impact, Sethu said, "Right from the start, the coach instructed me to be aggressive. He is extremely professional and is an Olympic gold medallist. He has a well-planned system in place. I have no words to explain the changes he has brought to game."

The Olympian was effusive in his praise for the youngster. He said, "Sethu is a game-changer. If there is an award, he should get it every single game. His serve can get us out of the deficit or even put us in the lead.

"He literally changes the game with his aggressive serve. Even in today's game, we didn't see a lot of attack from Tom, Pankaj, and the middle-blockers. But, Sethu stepped up and carried the team. He is the best, and just getting better and better. He plays good defence, passes the ball well, and will be the best server in the league, for sure."

Managing a group of young men from diverse cultural and social backgrounds requires exceptional leadership skills. Lee is adept at that and understands his players well. It was evident in the team's performance during the league.

"These boys are talented. They are very receptive to listening and learning. This gives me a great experience as their coach. That's why I enjoy having such a young team, which is not overconfident. They know they are the underdogs in the league and want to prove themselves."

Lee has definitely made the team stronger with his tactics and strategy. With a top-class performance, Torpedoes is now in the third spot with 10 points from seven outings. It would now aim to finish on top of the table and gear up for the Super Fives.

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(Tender Number : **DCE/2023-24/SE0002 Dt.07/03/2024)**

The Tender Documents with detailed terms and conditions may be obtained from the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

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**(1)** Short Term Retender for establishment of strong room, mustering, demustering centres and providing all the necessary items for mustering, demustering centres and training programmes at assembly constituency levels to parlimentary elections 2024, ADEO Central BBMP. (Tender reference number : BBMP/2023-24/SE0263/CALL-2).

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| 3. | Pre bid meeting on 11.03.2024, 11:00 a.m. at the following venue: Office of the AC Election, Head Office BBMP, N. R. Square, Bengaluru-560002. |
| 4. | Last Date and Time for uploading of Tender in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal : 15.03.2024 upto 5:00 p.m. |
| 5. | Date and Time of Online Opening of Technical Bids: 16.03.2024, 05:10 p.m. |

**Sd/-, Assistant Commissioner (Elections), BBMP.**

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**I, PRAMEELA** Bai Chikkaragada Halli Santhoji Rao, W/o Madhu Mukunda Rao, R/at Sai Krupa Elite Apts, 7th Cross, Opp Police Station Wilson Garden, Bangalore-560027, have changed my name to Prameela Mukund vide affidavit dated 06-03-2024 before Notary V. Rajashekhara, Bangalore.

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Notice is hereby given that the Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM") of the Club is scheduled to be held on Saturday, the 30th March 2024 at 04:30 p.m. to transact the agenda as set out in the Notice calling for the EGM.

Notice dated 29.2.2024 was dispatched to all members by Registered Post /Courier on 8th March 2024.

The Club is providing the facility of voting through electronic means ("remote e-voting") in compliance with Sec.108 of the Companies Act 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014. The business as set out in the aforesaid Notice will be transacted through electronic voting facility provided by M/s Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL). The Executive Committee has appointed Sri K.M.Subheramaniam, Advocate, as Scrutinizer to oversee the remote e-voting.

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# Amid various challenges, women start-up founders find ways to thrive and support one another

As per data from Tracxn, only 6.97% of Venture Capital-funded money went to Indian start-ups with female founders in 2023. In Karnataka, the figure was lower – 3.11%

**Shilpa Elizabeth**
BENGALURU

On the eve of women's day, a post by angel investor and business strategist Jermina Menon on LinkedIn garnered some attention. In the post, she described how Vineeta Singh, founder of the ₹420 crore brand Sugar Cosmetics, reportedly faced challenges securing investment for her company because of her gender.

As per data from Tracxn, only 6.97% of Venture Capital-funded money went to Indian start-ups with female founders in 2023. In Karnataka, the figure was lower - 3.11%. Data also shows that the percentage of women-led start-ups in Karnataka stands at a mere 9.66%.

The good news, however, is the emergence of more women-focused funds, women-headed incubators, and an increased sense of sisterhood perpetuated through communities of women entrepreneurs.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

## How women-led start-ups fare

**Karnataka data**

| Women-led start-ups in Karnataka | Overall start-ups in State | % of women-led start-ups |
|---|---|---|
| 1,851 | 19,163 | 9.66 |

| | Total VC funding in women-founded Karnataka start-ups | Total VC funding in Karnataka startups |
|---|---|---|
| 2019 | 629,693,863 | 4,428,287,769 |
| 2020 | 1,255,698,743 | 4,623,849,702 |
| 2021 | 2,262,417,478 | 18,46,18,03,262 |
| 2022 | 1,969,297,285 | 10,854,318,810 |
| 2023 | 95,614,274 | 3,076,352,683 |
| 2024 (Till March 6) | 12,000,000 | 353,270,854 |

| Founded year | Total no. of firms founded in Karnataka by women |
|---|---|
| 2019 | 124 |
| 2020 | 92 |
| 2021 | 77 |
| 2022 | 45 |
| 2023 | 25 |
| 2024 (Till March 6) | 1 |

Data credits: Tracxn

Shreya Krishnan, MD of AnitaB.org, an NGO that supports women in tech, notes that women founders often have to put in more energy and effort to get funded than their male counterparts. This makes scaling up a difficult process.

Tanul Mishra, founder and CEO of Bengaluru-based fintech incubator Afthonia Lab, believes that the change in the Indian start-up ecosystem has been faster and better when compared to global numbers. Nevertheless, she feels two areas need to see more momentum. Women founders see more cheques being written for them in the early stages of their start-ups. Towards later stages it gets difficult, Ms. Mishra says.

"The other is that checks are being cut for women entrepreneurs in certain segments...When you look at more tech-heavy domains like fintech or space tech the number of women founders is lesser and the number of investments that go to them even lesser than what you would see in other segments," she says.

### Alternative options

According to Susmita Ghosh, AVP- Women Entrepreneurship and Head - Funding Desk at NSRCEL, not just Venture Capital (VC) money, but other external financing options are also not easy to come by for women founders. "VC is one of the options. I think banks and others have much more apprehension about giving loans to a new female founder."

She also notes that of the 70 Central schemes and 433 State schemes for entrepreneurs, only 7% focus on women beneficiaries. "There is no way to find out which schemes are these unless you browse through different Ministry websites and dig them out. Access to relevant information is very important."

Despite the odds, women in the ecosystem swear it's not all doom and gloom anymore.

### Silver lining

Jayanti Bhattacharya, co-founder of Bengaluru-based India Hemp and Co, feels that things are slowly changing and points to several initiatives including NSRCEL's networks that reach out to rural women entrepreneurs, CSR initiatives that support and mentor women and VCs with a dedicated focus on women entrepreneurs. More women are also participating on the 'other side of the deal table' as investors and incubation heads.

"A lot of women-led networking groups have come up, and they are doing a phenomenal job of supporting each other. Men have always had bro clubs. Now women are doing it on our own time. We might not meet for drinks on a Saturday night. We might meet at 10 or 11 in the morning for coffee, but it's efficient. It's fast. These networks empower women and create a safe space to ask questions, to not be shut down, to not be ridiculed."

Interest among female students to join entrepreneurship courses also seems to be on the rise. Five years back when CMS-Jain (deemed-to-be-university) started the BBA - Entrepreneurship (WoW) programme, of the 21 students who enrolled, only three were women. The current batch has 11 women out of 40.

"It is largely because there is a culture building up back in schools for ideation. Families are also today encouraging girls to turn into entrepreneurs," says Anila Bajpai, who heads the programme.

# Police open fire at rowdy, arrest him

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Kaggalipura police shot at the leg of a 27-year-old rowdy sheeter when he allegedly attacked a police constable in a bid to escape from custody, and arrested him.

The accused, identified as Girish N., was arrested in connection with an armed robbery case reported on March 1. Girish along with his associates barged into a farmhouse in Choodahalli in the outskirts of the city and attacked the inmates while they were partying late at night and robbed their valuables.

Based on a complaint, the police tracked down Girish and arrested him on Wednesday.

While being escorted to the scene of crime for mahazar, the accused allegedly attacked constable Barlingappa and tried to escape. A senior police officer warned him before opening fire at his leg.

# Adding value to traditional art: Hase drawings on saris

**Sathish G. T.**
SAGAR (SHIVAMOGGA)

Bhagirathi, an artist and entrepreneur of Sagar, draws Hase on saris. SATHISH G.T.

Her eyes glued to the sari spread on the table in front of her, 59-year-old Bhagirathi K.B. is busy drawing at her shop, Khadi Mane, in Sagar, Shivamogga district.

"It takes at least 10 to 15 days to finish Hase drawing on a sari," said Ms. Bhagirathi. She is probably the first Hase artist to embellish saris. Hase chitra is a traditional art form that has passed through generations.

"The art form involves drawing many lines, and connecting points. Each stroke has to be finished in one go, without a break. Maintaining symmetry in designs is key," said Ms. Bhagirathi. Earlier, the artists mixed rice flour in water to draw against a maroon background. Now, many use acrylic colours to draw, as Bhagirathi does for her work on saris, reinventing an art form she learnt from her mother and grandmother. Prior to this, Bhagirathi worked for nearly 30 years for Charaka Women's Multipurpose Industrial Cooperative Society, founded by theatre personality Prasanna.

She purchases cotton sarees from weavers and spends days drawing on them. In a month, I can draw Hase only on two saris. Considering the labour put in, I quote the price." So far, she has sold around 50 saris.

# Helping rural women find sustainable market for their craftware

**Rishikesh Bahadur Desai**
BELAGAVI

Rural women with Gouri Sanket Manjrekar.

Gouri Sanket Manjrekar, a young entrepreneur from Chikkodi in Belagavi district, has helped several rural women find stable market for their craftware.

Pankh India Foundation, started by her, takes women into its fold and hand holds them at every stage. They are trained either to perfect their existing skills or imparted new ones. They are motivated to create or modify products that have assured markets. At the end, they are assisted to exhibit or sell their products.

A post-graduate in computer applications, she used to work for a multinational company. She underwent executive coaching from IIM Raipur. But she quit her job and settled down in Chikkodi.

Along with co-founder Manish Shanbhag, she started Pankh Handicrafts to provide sustainable livelihood to underprivileged women. The women can be contacted through the website, https://pankhindia.org/.

She also started an online forum for women named STREE-Educate Employ Empower that aims to empower women through education reformation. Its programmes now reach nearly 10,000 regularly.

# For India's homeless women, TB care is shaped by gender norms and economic precarity

Today is International Women's Day, and many homeless women in India are facing the most terrible predicament — managing the economic and clinical challenges of TB while they struggle to get by without a roof over their heads or anyone they could call on to support them in a trying time

Saumya Kalia

There are two explanations for how Reshma (name changed) died. In one, she is a disease statistic. A 30-year-old new mother, living on the pavement in Jaipur, died from contracting tuberculosis. The bacteria settled in her lungs, immunity weakened, medicines failed.

The other story is not as linear or logical. Reshma's family cast her out when the diagnosis came belatedly. She fought disease and destitution on the streets, between the stifling summer sun and crisp cold at night. The absence of proper treatment, and minimal food, however, allowed the TB pathogen to evade her immune defence.

Reshma's story – as a woman and as a person without shelter – isn't singular. A new study, supported by the Dr. Amit Sengupta Fellowship on Health Rights (ASFHR), captures the gendered lens of a clinical disease and challenges rigid mortality numbers. In addition to economic precarity, patriarchal norms decided if Reshma's cough was accurately diagnosed, when she reached a health facility, how often she followed the six-month drug regimen, and if she would go on to develop drug-resistant TB infections. Experts suggest that stigma and isolation further wrinkle women's access to care in a system that becomes hostile to people lacking institutional agency or autonomy.

Bureaucractic hurdles make it difficult for woment to access TB care. AP

## The data gap

The recent survey illustrated how this cycle of inequity plays out, documenting 17 cases of homeless people living with TB in Jaipur. Overcrowded and unsanitary conditions accelerated TB transmission; malnutrition and weak immunity further increaseed their risk of contracting TB. HIV coinfection, alcoholism, smoking and tobacco chewing also worsened their TB infection. Lack of shelter further complicated access to healthcare – homeless people were less likely to receive a timely diagnosis and treatment, and in turn, more likely to develop drug-resistant strains of the disease.

The study found a pronounced impact on women like Reshma, who feel unseen by both the community and the medical system. India in 2022 accounted for the world's highest cases of tuberculosis, per this year's World Health Organisation Global Tuberculosis Report. Local estimates show the overall occurrence of TB among the homeless population was around 85 cases per 1,000 population Within them, the prevalence of TB among homeless females was 1.5 times higher than homeless males.

Anupama Srinivasan, Assistant Director of REACH, explains that women's experiences often play out in a blind spot. "We do not as yet know enough about the specific experiences of homeless persons with TB... Homeless women are one step beyond that."

In larger national surveys, more men are notified than women, driving the perception that TB is a 'male disease', says Ms. Srinivasan. However, "it's not just the numbers we need to focus on; it's the experience of healthcare itself."TB is a disease of inequity, she explains, where women's health-seeking behaviours and adherence to treatments depend vastly on the social support available to them.

## Access to nutrition, finance

India's *Nikshay Poshan Yojana* (NKY), integrated in 2018 in the national TB programme, promises a monthly cash incentive of ₹500 through direct benefit transfers (DBT). India launched another nutritional support programme in 2022, *Nikshay Mitra,* which offers food baskets worth ₹700. Under this, patients can register on a web-based portal to access information or connect with doctors.Experts, however, suggest homeless women struggle to navigate this map of TB care. In this map, an insistence on ID cards and bank accounts creates barricades.

Most women without shelter lack documents to show identity proofs, do not have bank accounts and are disconnected from digitised services, says Dr. Sugata Mukhopadhyay of NGO Humana India. Since a majority of homeless people migrate from neighbouring states, "illiteracy rate is very high, and more so for women" who end up working as contractual labour living in shacks. Because they lack permanent accommodation, and by extension, identity proof, they struggle to access nutrition services, he suggests.

When and if women have individual accounts, patriarchal norms compromise the autonomy women exercise over their earnings, studies show. In Delhi, NGO Humana observed that behavioural habits associated with poverty, like alcoholism, meant husbands used the woman's money for alcohol or drugs.

> Homelessness and social stigma contributed to her isolation, mental struggle and marginalisation

In other cases, the money given to the women was used for buying food for the *entire* family, "not giving special focus to supplementing the nutritional requirements of the women", says Mr. Mukhopadhyay. Food is critical in TB care: at least 55% of new TB cases annually in India are due to poor nutrition, Health Ministry sources said in 2019. Conversely, regular nutritional support, to the individual and the family, could lead to a 39-48% reduction in TB disease, according to the landmark RATIONS trial published in *The Lancet* recently

## Reaching the point of diagnosis, care

Diagnosing TB is challenging for multiple reasons, one being its vague early symptoms. Recurring cough, fever or a low appetite – early signs of the disease – are often quotidian realities for people living in poverty or without access to good nutrition. And for a woman living on the street, who has no family, the 'odds are very high' that she may not reach the point of diagnosis, experts suggest. Moreover, from the day one starts coughing to the day TB is confirmed, the journey is longer, delayed and more arduous for women in comparison to men, a 2018 report showed. A 2023 study in *PLOS One* showed one-third of TB cases in India go undiagnosed each year, a gap that is "more pronounced among female patients". Women may also delay seeking help due to a lack of awareness and stigma associated with the disease.

A TB diagnosis is also prolonged, rarely promising an instant answer. Suspected patients are required to give a sputum sample (a mixture of saliva and mucus from the respiratory tract) and/or undertake an X-ray. Without counselling and privacy, women may feel 'inhibited' and 'shy' in bringing out sputum, thus affecting the quality of the sample and results. Experts have flagged the efficacy of sputum microscopy in detecting extrapulmonary TB (an infection which affects organs other than the lungs), which is more common among women. The prolonged process and repeated visits may also seem unnecessary to women who may interpret their cough as a consequence of, say, living on Jaipur's polluted roads.

Since 2017, the National Tuberculosis Programme has undertaken active case finding (ACF) outside the healthcare settings among high-risk populations. However, the first report on the strength of active case finding revealed the quality of this process was "sub-optimal nationally": at the national level, 9.3% of the population were screened, just 1% of the screened were tested and 3.7% of the tested were diagnosed.

The process becomes a punishment, going back more than once for diagnosis, and multiple times for medicines during the six-month-long regimen. Until COVID-19, most centres gave medicines for a week, a way to get people to come back and monitor adherence and side effects. Women already face mobility and financial challenges; for someone living on the streets, moving around a city, the odds they can always return to the same dispensary to collect medicines are low. The Humana survey also found treatment literacy and counselling quality for homeless women is lower in comparison to other groups – they were likely to drop off medications once they started feeling better. Shortage of anti-TB drugs would further deter homeless women from returning.

## Building ecosystems of care

The study recommends recognising homelessness and gender in the TB Mukht Bharat programme, legally weaving their rights to health care under Union and State government schemes. If a TB patient requires X amount of effort in terms of counselling and tracking, a homeless TB patient would require 2X, and a homeless woman TB patient would require 4X. A strange mathematical equation, but it boils down to this: "Are we willing to invest that time and energy?"

*(This story is part of the Dr. Amit Sengupta Fellowship on Health Rights. The survey was conducted by Hemant Mohanpuriya in 2021, during the COVID-19 lockdown.The author may be reached at saumya.k@thehindu.co.in)*

### THE GIST

In addition to economic precarity, patriarchal norms decide if symptoms are accurately diagnosed and how often the patient follows the six-month drug regimen

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# The unmasking: how make up and skin care products impact children

Monisha Madhumitha

"She runs straight to the skin care aisle now instead of the snacks or toys section when we visit a mall. She's just 12 and looks for "anti-ageing" labelling on creams", says a concerned mother about her daughter. On social media, you will encounter a lot of content on skincare, skincare routine for children and teens, routine for glowing skin, skin whitening regimes... But what is the actual risk that children bear? Do these products cause more harm to children than they do to adults? Will exposure to make up early have a long lasting impact on children? These are some of the questions that will have to be answered before any regulation is contemplated.

For instance, in a survey done in the U.S., researchers discovered that up to 70% of children had used Children's Makeup and Body Products. The results of the survey were published in a paper 'Usage of Children's Makeup and Body Products in the United States and Implications for Childhood Environmental Exposures', in the *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, last year. The authors Eleanor Medley et al noted that children are particularly vulnerable to adverse health risks associated with makeup and body products. Behavioural patterns such as hand-to-mouth activity may increase exposure to products through ingestion. Additionally, children's small body size, rapid growth rate, developing tissues and organs, and immature immune systems make them biologically susceptible to toxicants

The recent uptick in skincare product usage among children is likely a development driven by a complex interplay of marketing, social media influence, and changing societal norms. A child's skin is thinner, more delicate, and the natural moisturising factor and skin lipid production are reduced compared with adult skin, making it more susceptible to irritation and the effects of UV radiation. Additionally, the skin barrier in children is not as fully developed, which can lead to increased sensitivity to irritants and allergens. This fundamental difference necessitates a gentler approach to skincare for children. If at all it must be used, the focus should be on mild products designed to protect and maintain their skin's natural balance.

Dermatologists suggest prioritising gentle care, hydration, and protection from environmental factors. AI GENERATED IMAGE

## Regulation is critical

Ramesh Bhat, senior dermatologist and research head at Father Muller Medical College in Mangalore, is deeply concerned by unsupervised use of cosmeceuticals by children and adolescents. "There is a craze among teens to use skin lightening creams which contain steroids and hydroquinone, (Schedule H drugs) and peeling agents. These substances can cause severe irritant reactions and profound damage to the sensitive skin of children." Dr. Bhat emphasises regulatory measures: "Due to the efforts of the Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists (IADVL), over-the-counter sales of fairness creams containing steroids has been restricted since 2018. Similarly, regulation to protect children from skincare products that are inappropriate for their age is crucial."

Sahana Srinivas, consultant pediatric dermatologist at the Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health, Bangalore, warns against the misdirected concerns of parents influenced by social media. "Often, parents of children as young as 10 or 12 years ask us for skincare routines, concerned about tanning and believing they need sunscreen or vitamin C for their children," she says. "Tanning is a protective response to UV rays. In our tropical climate, the pursuit of fairness, especially for children, should not be a priority."

Dr. Bhat warns against assumptions that could lead to inadvertent harm, for instance that anything labelled herbal is safe to use. "The belief that 'natural' means 'safe' is particularly dangerous in the context of skincare for children," he cautions. "Natural ingredients can still cause skin irritation and sensitivity to sunlight. Parents must carefully evaluate these products, always in consultation with dermatologists, to ensure they are truly safe for their children. The promotions for such products claim the benefits of "natural" or "herbal" products without scientific backing, misleading viewers about their efficacy and safety, but it is important for parents to check if the product is safe first.

## Flawed standard

There is a deep psychological angle to this as well. As long as a flawless, blemish-free complexion is held up as the ideal standard, children will aspire to it. It imposes unrealistic expectations on the young, influencing their self-esteem and body image. While some brands are conscious of this bias and try to make amends, by and large, the industry remains idealistic and exacting, holding up appearances over all else.

The growth of the children's cosmetics market, expected to reach approximately $1.80 billion by 2030, reflects the effectiveness of these strategies. However, the ethical implications of targeting young consumers, who may not fully understand the long-term effects of these products on their skin and self-esteem, warrant scrutiny. Amid the influx of information and products, parents find themselves in a challenging position.

As parents navigate the skincare maze for their children, the key is to prioritise safety, simplicity, and skin health. Dr Srinivas advocates a return to basics when it comes to children's skincare. "I always emphasise the importance of a healthy diet, cleansing, and a good moisturiser used two to three times a day. Most importantly, a positive attitude is the best skincare routine," she advises. For child performers, skincare is a functional necessity to counteract the effects of heavy stage makeup. Dr Srinivas recommends a gentle cleanser to thoroughly remove makeup and fragrance-free moisturisers to rehydrate the skin. The goal is to protect the integrity of their young skin, preventing immediate irritation and long-term damage.

By prioritising gentle care, hydration, and protection from environmental factors, dermatologists suggest that it is possible to support the skin's functions from a young age, fostering a healthy relationship with skincare that values function over appearance.

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# The Rameshwaram Cafe to reopen today

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Rameshwaram Cafe, Brookfield, that was hit by a bomb blast on March 1, will reopen on Friday at 6 p.m. on the occasion of Shivaratri.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, and Home Minister G. Parameshwara will grace the event, the cafe announced on Thursday.

Raghavendra Rao, co-founder, The Rameshwaram Cafe, speaking to media persons a few days ago, had said that the restaurant would be opened in a week's time to send out a message that they will not bow down and gave an open invite to the Chief Minister to come for the relaunch to put across a point.

Asaduddin Owaisi, MP, Hyderabad, had also recently visited The Rameshwaram Cafe in Hyderabad as a gesture to express his solidarity and wished the restaurant well.

# Illegal elephant tusk trade unearthed, 7 held

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Directorate of Revenue (DRI) officers on Wednesday unearthed a elephant tusk sale syndicate and arrested a gang of seven.

Based on a tip-off, a team of officials intercepted three suspects in an autorickshaw on Tuesday and recovered ivory tusks concealed in a large bag. They arrested four additional accomplices involved in facilitating the trade. Two elephant tusks, totally weighing 6.8 kg, were recovered and seized.

Initial probe revealed that the accused were part of a poachers gang operating in the forest area bordering Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

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### Share of national parties whose income is from electoral bonds

**82.42** in percentage. Out of the ₹1,832.88 crore as income from unknown sources, the share of income from electoral bonds was ₹1,510 crore in 2022-23, the Association for Democratic Reforms said. PTI

### UN raises alert for people displaced in Mozambique

**7.8** in lakh. A vast majority of people were displaced in Mozambique because of a seven-year insurgency by a jihadist group that has thrown the country's Cabo Delgado province into turmoil. Around 1.3 million people were forced to flee. AP

### People abducted by extremists in northeastern Nigeria

**200** Islamic extremists abducted mostly women and children displaced by violence in northeastern Nigeria. The victims were looking for firewood in Borno state's Gamboru Ngala area when they were ambushed. AP

### Increase in funds for tea development and promotion for 2024-26

**82** in percentage. The outlay for the Tea Development and Promotion Scheme has been increased to ₹528.97 crore for the next two financial years, the government said. The scheme is to support the development of improved varieties of tea. PTI

### Losses announced by Chelsea in first year under new owners

**114.8** in $ million. The English Premier League club announced its pre-tax losses for the first year under U.S. owners Todd Boehly and Clearlake Capital. AP

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# On the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna

The JVP, one of the major opposition parties of Sri Lanka, has historically viewed India as an expansionist power seeking to colonise Sri Lanka. However, of late, the party is of the view that the reality of India as Sri Lanka's closest neighbour and a 'major political and economic centre' cannot be ignored

WORLD INSIGHT

Nirupama Subramanian

**The story so far:**
On February 5, an unlikely visitor landed in Delhi from Sri Lanka on an official invitation. Anura Kumara Dissanayake, the leader of the National People's Power (NPP) alliance, received a red carpet welcome, following which two top officials spent time with him in the capital. The main constituent of the NPP is the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP), and Mr. Dissanayake is its leader. The Indian outreach to the JVP has set off much speculation in Sri Lanka. The country is to go through a presidential election this year followed by parliamentary elections this year or the next. A survey conducted by the Health Policy Institute showed that 50% of respondents favoured Mr. Dissanayake as the next President. Since its inception, the party has had a bad history with India. But Mr. Dissanayake's meetings with National Security Adviser A. K. Doval and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar have created new optics in the run-up to the election.

**Who are the JVP?**
Over its five decade-existence, the JVP, which calls itself Marxist, but has been mostly a Sinhala nationalist party, has viewed India as an expansionist power seeking to colonise Sri Lanka.

The JVP was formed in 1965. Its founder Rohana Wijeweera, who came from a family of modest means in coastal southern Sri Lanka, already had exposure to leftist ideologies through the Communist Party of Sri Lanka, before he went as a student to Moscow's Patrice Lumumba International University, where he mingled with leftists from all over the world. On his return, he aligned himself with the Ceylon Communist Party (Maoist), before breaking away to form the JVP, with the intention of creating a revolution to turn Sri Lanka into a socialist state. Its members were mostly the youth who were unable to find jobs in the Sri Lankan economy, comprising British-era trading houses manned by Colombo's English-speaking elites.

The cadres of JVP imbibed the party ideology from lectures known as the Five Classes – on the crisis of the capitalist system in Sri Lanka; history of Sri Lanka's left movement; history of socialist revolutions; Indian expansionism; and the path of revolution in Sri Lanka. However, within no time, JVP found it more expedient to push class struggle to the back-burner, and became a vehicle for majoritarian Sinhala-Buddhist sentiments.

**What happened in 1971?**
In the 1970 election, the JVP campaigned for Sirima Bandaranaike's leftist United Front coalition comprising of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP), the Lanka Sama Samaja Party and the Communist Party. But the JVP's support for Sri Lanka's 'bourgeois' left was short-lived. In April 1971, it carried out an armed insurrection. The plan was to take over police stations first. The government, despite receiving prior intelligence, was caught unprepared. A state of Emergency was declared and Wijeweera was jailed. But the Sri Lankan tri-services were a ceremonial force and the government had to appeal to foreign nations for help. The Indian Army, Navy and Air Force played a part in thwarting the rebellion. The insurrection was overcome after a few weeks and some 15,000 JVP cadres were arrested. The death toll was over a 1,000, including civilians, police personnel and Sri Lankan armed forces personnel.

**Shifting narrative:** A portrait of Janatha Vimukthi Perumuna founder Rohana Wijeweera. HINDU ARCHIVES

In 1977, with the election of J. R. Jayewardene, who went on to politically dominate the country for a decade, the Sri Lankan economy changed full tilt from the Bandarnaike era of socialist nationalisation, to liberalisation and the entry of free market forces. Jayewardene also released all JVP prisoners including Wijeweera, who went on to contest the 1982 presidential election, polling 4% of the vote. Some make the case that Jayewardene used the JVP to weaken the SLFP and the "old left". Indeed, the JVP made SLFP's Sinhala Buddhist plank its own from about the time of the 1983 anti-Tamil riots and the flaring up of the Sinhala-Tamil ethnic conflict.

**What was the context for the JVP's second insurrection?**
Delhi's growing involvement in the conflict led to anti-India sentiment among the Sinhalese majority. In June 1987, the Indian Air Force carried out Operation Poomalai to airdrop food to the north of Sri Lanka, which was Tamil-dominated, at a time when Sri Lankan forces had laid siege to the province, believing that they had cornered the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) and its leader Velupillai Prabhakaran. The next month came the India-Sri Lanka Accord under which Sri Lanka introduced an amendment in its Constitution to devolve political power to the Tamil north and east. However, the LTTE rejected the Accord, and the soldiers that India sent under the banner of the Indian Peace Keeping Force to disarm the LTTE, soon found themselves in a war against the group. JVP launched protests against the presence of Indian troops on Sri Lankan soil. Among the Sinhalese, the protests found widespread support. The Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi narrowly escaped an assassination attempt when he was attacked by a sailor at a guard of honour at the airport after the signing of the Accord in Colombo. Even SLFP workers joined hands with the JVP on the ground. However, the JVP did not take on the Indian Army or even the Tamils, directing its violence on fellow Sinhalese in southern Sri Lanka. Government officials, police personnel, teachers, students of rival unions and political activists – with its lists of "traitors", the JVP went after all of them. Lampost hangings, tyre pyres and bodies on roads were a common sight. Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga's husband, Vijaya Kumaratunga, a charismatic film star-turned-politician, was shot dead. The government's brutality in putting down the insurgency was no less. The bloodbath lasted until 1989. The number of people killed is cited as 60,000. Wijeweera was also among the dead.

**What happened to the JVP after that?**
In the 1990s, the JVP tried to put its past behind and entered the political mainstream under a new leadership. It won one seat in the parliamentary elections of 1994. It even contested elections for provincial councils, which it had opposed as an Indian imposition under the 13th Amendment.

In the 2001 parliamentary election, the JVP won 16 seats, indicating that it had gained the trust of sections of voters. Its high point came when it contested in coalition with the SLFP-led People's Alliance in 2004. The election was fought on an anti-ceasefire plank. The previous United National Party (UNP) government had entered into a Norway-brokered truce with the LTTE in 2002, on terms that were seen as favouring the LTTE. In 2004, President Kumaratunga called for fresh elections, naming Mahinda Rajapaksa as the prime ministerial face of the People's Alliance-JVP coalition, called the United People's Freedom Alliance (UPFA). Of the 105 seats UPFA won in the 225-seat parliament, the JVP's share was 39, its highest ever tally. Months later it pulled out of the cabinet over the mechanics of sharing tsunami relief aid with the LTTE. It continued to support the government from the outside, and also supported Rajapaksa's campaign in the 2005 presidential election.

However, in the post-war period, JVP's fortunes waned. Not only did President Mahinda Rajapaksa dominate the political landscape as the architect of the May 2009 military victory over the LTTE, a host of Buddhist nationalist parties that had come up by then were competing for the same space as JVP. In 2008, the JVP also suffered a vertical split.

In 2015, Mr. Dissanayake formed a coalition with 25 other organisations, including civil society groups, women's organisations and others called the NPP. The JVP now contests elections under the banner of the NPP, seen by some as a "rebranding" exercise to shake off its violent past that continues to haunt it. Mr. Dissanayake has described the NPP as a national liberation movement.

**How does the NPP function now?**
When the mass uprising against the Gotabaya Rajapaksa regime began in March 2022 over worsening economic circumstances, the protests were at first neighbourhood candle light vigils that grew to large gatherings in the city's Galle Face sea front. Later, opposition parties including the NPP and JVP, breakaway organisations like the Frontline Socialist Party and Inter University Students' Federation also converged at Galle Face. The involvement of these organisations, and some incidents of violence became the justification for a crackdown on the protests by the government under the new leadership of President Ranil Wickremesinghe.

Subsequently, the JVP/NPP position against the International Monetary Fund deal, whose conditions included sale of public sector enterprises, higher utility bills, higher taxes and other "anti-people" measures, earned it praise and a huge following. It has also taken popular positions against the "sale of national assets" to foreigners. In 2020-21, it had been steadfast in its opposition to the plan to offer 49% stake in the East Container Terminal at Colombo Port to the Adani group, which led the Gotabaya Rajapaksa government to cancel a tripartite agreement with India and Japan to develop the terminal. It also questioned the wind farm deal with Adani, and the deal with India to develop the oil tank farm in Trincomalee. It has been an opponent of the Indian Oil Corporation's presence and expansion in Sri Lanka since 2002, when IOC first began operations in Sri Lanka. In 2017, despite its reported proximity to China, it had also protested the sale of the Hambantota Port to China.

However, of late, the JVP is of the view that the reality of India as Sri Lanka's closest neighbour and "major political and economic centre" cannot be ignored. While India and JVP have had some contact previously, this is the first time that its leaders were invited to Delhi as an opposition party. In politically charged Sri Lanka, various signals are being read from this new friendship. But perhaps India is learning from its experience in the Maldives, where a new President that India failed to get to know better before his election, has junked his predecessor's "India First" foreign policy, and given a distinct pro-China tilt to his foreign policy.

*The writer is an independent journalist.*

## THE GIST

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## Office of the Director of Printing, Stationery & Publications

R.V. College Post, 8th Mile, Mysore Road,
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**No. DPS/CSTG/TPB/2/2024-CST** **Date: 06.03.2024**

### Short Term Tender Notification
**(through e-procurement)**

Online short term tenders are invited under KTPP Act 1999 and rules made there-under, in Two Bid System for providing printing services using Digital Printing Machines required for Loksabha General Election, 2024 from the qualified agencies located within Bengaluru (BBMP Limits) who fulfill the eligibility conditions of the Tender Document. Estimated total value of the tender is about Rs.54.78/- lakhs & total EMD will be Rs.2.74/- lakhs. The detailed Tender Document may be downloaded from website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Last date for submission of tenders online is before Date: 14.03.2024. A pre-bid meeting has been scheduled on 11.03.2024 at 12.00 pm at the above mentioned address. For any further clarifications the above office may be contacted.

**Sd/- Assistant Director (P.F) & Tender Inviting Authority**

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## KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD

**3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru.**

### TENDER NOTIFICATION
**(Through KPP Portal)**

Karnataka Housing Board invite tender from the eligible Pre qualified contractors in Karnataka Housing Board through Karnataka public procurement portal for below mentioned work.

Last date for submission of bid: **14.03.2024 upto 4.00 p.m.**

| Sl. No. | Name of the Work |
|---|---|
| 1. | **Repair works to Office of the Assistant Executive Engineer, DPO, KHB at Sy No. 57/1, Bondel, Mangaluru Taluk in Dakshina Kannada District. (CALL-2).** Tender Reference Number: KHB/2023-24/OW/work_indent 167/CALL-2 & IFT No.175/2023-24 Date: 06.03.2024, **Amount put to tender : Rs.32,22,623/-** |

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: **Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru, Telephone No.080-22273511 / 080-22100077 web site: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

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## BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer
Jayanagar Division, BBMP. 39th Cross, 18th Main,
Jayanagar 4th 'T' Block, Bangalore - 560 041.

**No.: E.E.(JN)/DM/e-proc/19/2023-24** **Date: 05.03.2024**

### INVITATION FOR SHORT TENDER

**(Two Cover) (Through GoK KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)**

The Executive Engineer, Jayanagar Division, BBMP, Bangalore invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike or equivalent Registration with CPWD / KPWD or any state Government Organizations for the below detailed in the table below. **(Standard Tender Document)**

| Sl. No. | Name of the work |
|---|---|
| 1 | Improvements to road side drain, footpath and Asphalting to roads in near Mountain Street & Surrounding area in Ward No. 182 Byrasandra. **Reservation:** Others. **Approximate value of work (Rs in Lakhs):** 60.50. **EMD (Rs):** 1,21,000/- |
| 2 | Improvements to road side drain, footpath and Asphalting to roads 4th Block Jayanagar & Surrounding area in Ward No. 182 Byrasandra. **Reservation:** ST. **Approximate value of work (Rs in Lakhs):** 65.00. **EMD (Rs):** 65,000/- |
| 3 | Comprehensive development of Roads, Drains footpath and Other Development Gurappanapalya in Ward No. 183 Jayanagara Assembly Constituency. **Reservation:** SC. **Approximate value of work (Rs in Lakhs):** 76.00. **EMD (Rs):** 76,000/- |
| 4 | Improvements to roads, drains and culverts in Madarsab Layout, Bismillanagara and Surrounding area at Gurappanapalya in Ward No. 183 Jayanagara Assembly Constituency. **Reservation:** Others. **Approximate value of work (Rs in Lakhs):** 51.00. **EMD (Rs):** 1,02,000/- |
| 5 | Comprehensive Development of Roads, footpath and Asphalting to roads in 8th Block Jayanagara and Surrounding Areas in Ward No. 186 Shakhambarinagar, Jayanagara Assembly Constituency. **Reservation:** Others. **Approximate value of work (Rs in Lakhs):** 49.60. **EMD (Rs):** 99,200/- |
| 6 | Comprehensive Development of Roads, footpath and Asphalting to roads in 47th Cross from 24th Main to 46th cross road, 9th Main road From 47th Cross to 46th Cross and Surrounding area in Ward No-186 Shakhambarinagar, Jayanagara Assembly Constituency. **Reservation:** SC. **Approximate value of work (Rs in Lakhs):** 99.50. **EMD (Rs):** 99,500/- |
| 7 | Improvements to Roads and drains in 4th A Cross KH Layout, Krishnappa Garden, HSBC Layout, BTM 1st Stage surrounding Area in Ward No. 184 Jayanagar East (Old No-170) Jayanagara Assembly Constituency. **Reservation:** Others. **Approximate value of work (Rs in Lakhs):** 99.50. **EMD (Rs):** 1,99,000/- |
| 8 | Improvements to Roads and drains in 4th cross, 7th Main in JP Nagar 3rd Phase and 5th Cross, 16th Main and Surrounding area in JP Nagar 2nd Phase in ward No. 185 J.P. Nagara (Old No.177) JayanagaraAssembly Constituency. **Reservation:** Others. **Approximate value of work (Rs in Lakhs):** 99.50. **EMD (Rs):** 1,99,000/- |
| 9 | Improvements to Roads and drains in 7th Main, 10th Cross and surrounding area in JP Nagar 3rd Pahse and 2nd Main in 4th Phase JP Nagar in Ward No. 185 JP Nagara (Old No. 177) Jayanagara Assembly Constituency. **Reservation:** Others. **Approximate value of work (Rs in Lakhs):** 50.40. **EMD (Rs):** 1,00,800/- |
| 10 | Improvements to Roads and drains in 16th Cross, 17th, 17th A, 17th B, 17th C and 17th D Cross in JP Nagar 6th Phase in Ward No. 187 Sarakki (Old No.178) Jayanagara Assembly Constituency. **Reservation:** Others. **Approximate value of work (Rs in Lakhs):** 99.50. **EMD (Rs):** 1,99,000/- |
| 11 | Improvements to Roads and drains in 14th Cross from 21 Main to 24th Main in JP Nagara 2nd Phase and 3rd Main Road, 10 Cross Road and Surrounding area in JP Nagara 1", in Ward No.187 Sarakki (Old No.178) Jayanagara Assembly Constituency. **Reservation:** Others. **Approximate value of work (Rs in Lakhs):** 49.50. **EMD (Rs):** 99,000/- |

**Calendar of Events: (1)** Pre bid meeting will be held on **16.03.2024** at **3.00 p.m.** in the office of the Executive Engineer Jayanaga Division, 18th Main Road, 39th Cross Road, Jayanagar 4th 'T' Block, Bangalore-560041. **(2)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **4.00 p.m.** on **Date: 20.03.2024** and the opening of tenders will be as per the e-procurement portal guidelines. **(3)** Technical Bids will be opened on **21.03.2024** at **4.05 p.m. (4)** Financial Bids will be opened on **22.03.2024** at **4.05 p.m.**

Further details can be had from the office of the above during office hours on all working days or visit e-Procurement portal website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

**Sd/- Executive Engineer, Jayanagar Division**

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
## STATE HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

**Office of The Chief Project Officer, Project Implementation Unit,**
**State Highway Development Project, PWD Annexe Building, K.R.Circle, Bengaluru-560001.**
**Website: www.shdpkar.in e-Mail: cepiushdp@gmail.com**

**No: CPO/SHDP/Tech/EE-3/Phase-5 Stage-1/Tender Notification/2023-24/2472** **Date: 06.03.2024**

### Tender Notification for Improvements of State Highways & Major District Roads under SHDP- Phase 5 Stage-1

### TENDER NOTIFICATION NO:04/2023-24 DATE: 06-03-2024

On behalf of Governer of Karnataka, The Chief Engineer (Additional Charge), Project Implementation Unit, State Highway Development Project, Bengaluru invites Tender from eligible Class-I contractors registered with KPWD/CPWD, approved vide G.O No: PWD 304 EAP 2023 Bengaluru, Dated: 29.02.2024 for below mentioned package works under SHDP Phase 5 Stage-1, as per Standard Tender Document (KW-4) and SHDP norms in two cover system. The tenderers may submit tenders for the work given in the table through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal of the Government of Karnataka **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).**

| Sl. No. | Name of Work | Amount put to Tender inclusive of 18% GST (In Rs. Lakhs) | EMD (Rs.in lakhs) | Class of Contractor | Duration |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Head of Account 5054-03-337-0-18-154 SHDP Total No.of Packages-209 | Package wise amount put to tender maybe obtained through KPP Portal | Package wise EMD may be obtained through KPP Portal | Class I & above | 11 months (Including monsoon) |

**TENDER PROCESS DETAILS: (1)** Tender documents can be downloaded in KPP Portal from: **13.03.2024** to **18.04.2024** upto 15:30 hours. **(2)** Pre-Tender meeting on: **22.03.2024** at 11:30 hours (O/o Chief Project Officer, SHDP, Bangalore). **(3)** Last date & time for receipt of Tenders: **18.04.2024** upto 16:30 hours. **(4)** Date & time for opening of Technical Bid: **22.04.2024** at 11:30 hours. **(5)** Tentative Date & time for opening of Financial Bid: **30.04.2024** at 11.30 hours. **(6)** Corrigendums, addendums and modifications in notification if any will be published in KPP Portal only. Registered Contractors in KPWD/CPWD and KPP Portal are eligible to participate in tender.

Any information about the tendered works can be obtained from O/o The Chief Project Officer, Project Implementation Unit, State Highway Development Project, Bengaluru during office hours on all working days and also through **support@eprochelpdesk.com** KPP Portal helpdesk telephone nos are **+91-8046010000 / +91-8068948777.**

**Sd/-**
**Chief Engineer (Additional Charge), PIU-SHDP, Bengaluru.**

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

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**State Highway Development Project, PWD Annexe Building, K.R.Circle, Bengaluru-560001.**
**Website: www.shdpkar.in e-Mail: cepiushdp@gmail.com**

**No: CPO/SHDP/Tech/Phase-5 Stage-1/Tender Notification/2023-24/2474** **Date: 06.03.2024**

### Tender Notification for Providing Project Management Consultancy (PMC) Services for the works taken up under SHDP- Phase 5 Stage-1

### TENDER NOTIFICATION NO:05/2023-24 DATE: 06-03-2024

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, the Chief Engineer (Additional Charge), Project Implementation Unit, State Highway Development Project, Bengaluru invites tender for Providing Project Management Consultancy (PMC) services for the works taken up under SHDP- Phase 5 Stage-1 vide G.O No: PWD 304 EAP 2023 Bengaluru, Dated: 29.02.2024, as per Standard Tender Document (KC-4) and SHDP norms in two cover system. The tenderers may submit tenders for the work given in the table through KPP portal of the Government of Karnataka **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).**

| Sl. No. | Name of Work | No of Package's | Amount put to Tender inclusive of 18% GST (In Rs.Lakhs) | EMD (Rs.in lakhs) | Duration |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Head of Account 5054-03-337-0-18-154 Package wise details may be obtained through KPP Portal | 29 | Package wise amount put to tender maybe obtained through KPP Portal | Package wise EMD may be obtained through KPP Portal | 15 months |

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### MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
### NOTIFICATION

**New Delhi, the 2nd February, 2024**

S.O. 462(E).—Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, 1992(E) Dated:01/05/2023 , published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Subsection (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling within the stretch of land from from Km 238.100 (New chainage Km 111.50) to Km 259.00 (New chainage Km 119.637) (Honnavar - Chittoor Section) of NH69(Old NH206) in the district of SHIVAMOGGA in the state of KARNATAKA

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "Deccan Herald" and "Hosadigantha" both dated 19/07/2023; under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas the Competent Authority has received objections filed under Section 3-C, considered and settled the same appropriately;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the competent authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

**SCHEDULE : Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling within the stretch of land from from Km 238.100 (New chainage Km 111.50) to Km 259.00 (New chainage Km 119.637) (Honnavar - Chittoor Section) of NH69(Old NH206) in the state of KARNATAKA**

| State: KARNATAKA | | | District: SHIVAMOGGA | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| S.No. | Survey / Plot Number | Type of Land | Nature of Land | Area (in Hectares) | Name of Land Owner/Interested Person |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Taluk: Sagar | | | | | |
| Village: Malanduru | | | | | |
| 1 | 108 | Private | Wet | 0.05194 | S Anusha bin T N Subbarao, |
| 2 | 109 | Private | Wet | 0.2589579 | Murugendrappa Gowda com Mariyappa 109/1 |
| 3 | 110 | Private | Wet | 0.2655457 | S Anusha bin T N Subbarao |
| 4 | 111 | Private | Wet | 0.194959 | Nandini com Nagappa |
| 5 | 112 | Private | Wet | 0.1775959 | S Anusha bin T N Subbarao 112/1 |
| 6 | 113 | Private | Wet | 0.0088448 | T N Subbarao, 113/1 |
| 7 | 127 | Private | Wet | 0.0014665 | Musarath Sulthan com Riyaz Ahamad 127/3 |
| 8 | 127 | Private | Wet | 0.0149412 | Shoukath Sulthan com Rahamattull 127/4 |
| 9 | 128 | Government | Dry | 0.026018 | MESCOM Rajya Pamukharu Mysuru Government |
| 10 | 133 | Government | Dry | 0.2314859 | K M Syed Mohammad K M Yusa Kamaluddin Ravukar Janti 133/1B1 |
| 11 | 134 | Government | Dry | 0.0226089 | Karyadarshi Mandal Panchayath 134/4 |
| 12 | 88 | Private | Wet | 0.0066289 | Abdul Hy bin K M Syed Mohammad 88/1 |
| 13 | 89 | Private | Wet | 0.0425675 | B G Shashidharappa bin Gurubasappa 89/3 |
| State: KARNATAKA | | | District: SHIVAMOGGA | | |
| Village: Yadehalli | | | | | |
| 14 | 12 | Private | Wet | 0.953057 | Gajendra bin Somashekarappa Gowda |
| 15 | 129 | Government | Dry | 0.1613116 | Panchaksharayya 129/1 |
| 16 | 13 | Private | Wet | 0.0063799 | Suresh bin Narayanappa 13/1 |
| 17 | 130 | Private | Wet | 0.091798 | Jahida Shek Salim Sajida dil Shad Shek Rakhibsajiya 130/3 |
| 18 | 18 | Private | Wet | 0.1030861 | Lakshmi com Krishnamurthi, Manjula bin Masaali, Manjunath yane M Manjunath, Surekha com Paramesh 18/2 |
| 19 | 19 | Private | Wet | 0.02332 | H. Basavaraja bin Huchappa 19/1 |
| 20 | 21 | Private | Wet | 0.0559532 | Manjappa bin Sunagara Venkatappa 21/2 |
| 21 | 22 | Private | Wet | 0.1991451 | Boveera Hanumantappa bin Venkatappa 22/2 |
| 22 | 38 | Government | Dry | 0.008866 | M B Girish bin M S Bhadrappa 38/5 |
| 23 | 39 | Private | Wet | 0.4679464 | M S Bhadrappa bin Somashekarappa Gowda, 39/2 |
| 24 | 40 | Private | Wet | 0.1437723 | MS Bhadrappa bin Somashekarappa Gowda 40/1 |
| 25 | 42 | Private | Wet | 0.1727283 | Boveera Hanumantappa bin Venkatappa 42/4 |
| 26 | 43 | Private | Wet | 0.0008172 | Rahim Khan bin SN Khadar Ali Khan 43/4 |
| 27 | 44 | Private | Wet | 0.125533 | S A Abdul Yahya bin Abdul Ravukar bashir Ahamad yane Habibulla bin Abdul Yahya Janti Abdul Yahya bin Abdul Khuddus Ravukar A Bashir Ahamad Rahamath Ulla bin Ahamad Yahaya Janti Bashir Ahamad bin S A Abdul Yahya 44/1 |
| Village: Achapura | | | | | |
| 28 | 146 | Private | Wet | 0.083077 | B. Shivakumara bin A.P. Basappa Gowda |
| 29 | 33 | Private | Wet | 0.006167 | Madar sab Bin Imam sab |
| 30 | 39 | Government | Dry | 0.043404 | Bettamallappa Lake |
| 31 | 57 | Private | Wet | 0.004768 | Sri Mallikarjuna Swamigalu, 57/1 |
| 32 | 59 | Private | Wet | 0.070906 | Sri Mallikarjuna Swamigalu |
| 33 | SETTLEMENT | Government | Dry | 0.0134224 | Gramatana |
| Village: Gilalugundi | | | | | |
| 34 | 110 | Private | Wet | 0.001283 | Danagalige Mafattu, Eshwarappa, Abdul Rahim, Jaleel Khan, Ekbal Khan, Seetamma Rangappa Iramma Basha sab Amir Khan, Basavanyappa, Susheelamm, Jayaramashetty, Rekha, Ratnavathi, Vedanthakumara, Sumana, Shahajan, Danappa, Sheenamma, Basavaraj Nagaratna, Eshwaramma, Khaleemulla Khan Manjappa Jayanthi, Tungabhadrappa Manjamma, Mahendrappa Sheshamma Eshwarappa Yashodha Syed Muneer, Jubeda, Dilshad, Noorulla Shahina, Mujavid Bashasab Shek Gaaffar, Imam Sab Meenakshasmma Jaleel Khan Yogendra |
| Village: Byra | | | | | |
| 35 | 85 | Private | Wet | 0.0124364 | Gangamma, Hanumanthappa, Lingamurthy, Raghavendra, Anuradha, 85/1 |
| 36 | 87 | Government | Dry | 7.75E-05 | Government Banjaru7/2 87/2 |
| | | | Total | 4.0528156 | |

**[F. No. RW/KNT-NH-206/km220to259/3D2]**
**ABHAY JAIN, Dy. Secy.**

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IN THE LIMELIGHT

A scene from the *Anatomy of a Fall*. AP

# ‘Anatomy of a Fall’: how the legal drama goes beyond the confines of labels

Is the Best Picture contender at the Academy Awards, ‘Anatomy of a Fall’, a relationship drama, a legal thriller, a whodunit, a writer’s tale, a story about a dog, all or none of them? Like all the best stories, the film goes beyond its genre boundaries

**Mini Anthikad Chhibber**

These days it is impossible to go to a film blind – unless you are living under a rock in which case you would not be watching films anyway. Since human beings have been proven to respond positively to categories, everything is put in a box.

Supermarket shelves are arranged like that and so too our consumption of content. In fact, the first sentence of a Wikipedia entry on a book or a movie tells you what genre the work belongs to. Labels make choosing our poison easier while swimming in digital oceans of content. Rom-com fans can staunchly avoid grim police procedurals while adrenalin junkies can quickly skip serious relationship dramas spread over three generations and two World Wars.

**A legal drama?**

And then you come across an outlier like *Anatomy of a Fall*, which Wiki promptly describes as a French legal drama. The Best Picture nominee at the Academy Awards is directed by Justine Triet from a screenplay she wrote with Arthur Harari. The legal drama brings to mind respected and well-loved films such as *To Kill a Mockingbird* (1962), where Gregory Peck made for a fine Atticus Finch in this adaptation of the Harper Lee classic, Sidney Lumet’s *12 Angry Men* (1957) and Billy Wilder’s *Witness for the Prosecution* based on the Agatha Christie play.

Then there is Tom Cruise defending marines in Rob Reiner’s *A Few Good Men* (1992), where Jack Nicholson as Col. Nathan R. Jessep thundered very effectively about the truth. There was also Al Pacino as the devil chewing up the scenery in *The Devil’s Advocate* (1997). Legal dramas also have a good history at the Oscars with Julia Roberts winning the best actress trophy for Steven Soderbergh’s *Erin Brockovich* (2000) and Jodie Foster for *The Accused* (1988), while George Clooney got a nomination for 2007’s *Michael Clayton*.

*Anatomy of a Fall* has been described as a “Hitchcockian procedural thriller”, and reminds one of all the courtroom thrillers where the Perry Mason-type lawyer conducts their investigations to prove the innocence of their client while revealing the real criminal. Courtroom thrillers also offer the opportunity for drama, filled with razor-sharp interrogation and bombastic speeches punctuated by objections and overruling.

**Marriage story**

While *Anatomy of a Fall* has a death and a trial to prove the innocence or guilt of a person, like all the best stories, the film goes beyond its genre boundaries. A person cannot just be their crime, the film suggests. In a remote chalet in Grenoble, a university professor, Samuel Maleski (Samuel Theis), is found dead from a fall from an attic window by his son Daniel (Milo Machado-Graner). Was it suicide, an accident or homicide? Maleski’s wife, Sandra Voyter (Sandra Hüller), a successful writer, is accused of killing Maleski on the basis of a recording of an argument between the couple.

As Sandra tries to explain how one cannot deconstruct a marriage on the basis of one recorded conversation, we get to learn more about the relationship. Sandra holds Maleski partly responsible for Daniel’s accident that led to his (Daniel’s) visual impairment while Maleski resents Sandra’s success as an author and her infidelity.

Triet uses the courtroom, where incidentally, everyone seems to be able to talk at the same time without the judge banging the gavel and bringing the court to order, to dissect a marriage. Does that bring to mind 1979’s *Kramer vs. Kramer* where Dustin Hoffman and Meryl Streep play the divorcing couple fighting for the custody of their son?

**Writing wrongs**

In *Anatomy of a Fall*, Maleski accuses Sandra of plagiarism. The prosecution uses a passage from one of Sandra’s novels where a minor character plots to murder her husband as proof of Sandra’s intentions. There are quite a few movies featuring writers and the creative process. There is *Trumbo* (2015), a biopic with Bryan Cranston playing the screenwriter, Dalton Trumbo, and *Misery* (1990) based on a Stephen King novel about a fan (Kathy Bates) forcing a writer (James Caan) to rewrite the ending of his novel.

There is also *American Fiction*, another of this year’s Best Picture nominations, where literary author Monk Ellison (Jeffrey Wright) writes a pulpy novel rife with stereotypes as a joke which turns on him when the book becomes a runaway success.

And while we are at it, let us not forget the blue-eyed border collie, Messi, who plays Snoop, Daniel’s guide dog. Messi won the Palm Dog award at Cannes and plays an important part in *Anatomy of a Fall*, just by being a dog – that is method acting of the highest degree. Messi also brings to mind *What Just Happened* (2008) and the fate of the dog in *Fiercely*, the film within the film.

*Anatomy of a Fall*, apart from being an engrossing, enthralling film, also conclusively proves however much we might wish to box and label events and feelings, they resist and find their own path, quite like life itself.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

# On the occasion of International Women’s Day, here is a quiz on some women leaders across the world who broke the glass ceiling in politics

**Abhinaya. K**

**QUESTION 1**

This political leader is a two-time Chief Minister and was the face of her party in this north India State. A member of a royal family, this leader also celebrates her birthday on this day. Identify the leader.

**QUESTION 2**

Who was the first woman Prime Minister of the first self-governing country in the world to grant women the right to vote? Also, identify the year she came to power.

**QUESTION 3**

In 2022, Francia Márquez became the first person of the African-Colombian community to become the Vice-President of this country. An environmental activist, this leader was awarded the Goldman Prize in 2018. Name the country.

**QUESTION 4**

Ellen Johnson Sirleaf was the first female President elected in Africa. She served as the head of the state of Ghana. Is the statement true or false?

**QUESTION 5**

The current Prime Minister and the leader of the largest Opposition party are both women in this country. Both represent extreme opposites of the political spectrum in this European country. Identify the country.

**Visual question:**
Identify this leader who served as the first ever woman Chief Minister of any State in India. Also identify the State. THE HINDU ARCHIVES

**Questions and Answers to the previous day’s daily quiz:**

1. The ground where Ashwin has played the most Test matches. **Ans: Eden Gardens, Kolkata**
2. The ground where Ashwin has picked up the most wickets. **Ans: Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai**
3. Ashwin has picked up 10 or more wickets in these test matches against these teams eight times and twice outside India. **Ans: Against Sri Lanka at Galle in August 2015 and West Indies at Roseau in July 2023**
4. Ashwin has scored five centuries against these two opponents. **Ans: West Indies and England**
5. Ashwin has not played against this nation. **Ans: Pakistan**
6. Ashwin has scored at least one fifty against all but these two opponents. **Ans: New Zealand and Afghanistan**
7. Ashwin has picked up at least one five-wicket haul in an inning against all but this opponent. **Ans: Afghanistan**
8. Ashwin has dismissed these two batsmen more than 10 times. **Ans: Ben Stokes and David Warner**

Visual: Name these players and their connection to Ashwin. **Ans: Ajinkya Rahane (most catches as a fielder of Ashwin (34)) and Rajat Patidar, who took the catch which gave Ashwin his 500th Test wicket**

Early Bird: **Animesh Mohan**

FROM THE ARCHIVES

# *Know your English*

**K. Subrahmanian**

“Mr. Gurudath Pai Kulyadi, Canara Bank, Mangalore, wants to know which is correct: (a) dispose of (b) dispose off.”

“It is ‘dispose of’; you dispose of something. To dispose of means ‘to get rid of something that one does not want or keep.’

*He wants to dispose of his furniture.*
*All his paintings have been disposed of.*

‘Dispose off’ is frequently seen in newspapers and magazines in India, even in judgments and learned articles. Also, ‘wash one’s hands of something,’ not ‘wash one’s hands off something.’”

“Ms. S. Samyuktha, Jayanagar, Bangalore, wants to know how the terms ‘co-brother’ and ‘co-sister’ originated.”

“Indian languages are rich in kinship terms. We have a word for the maternal uncle, another for the paternal uncle. We have a word for the wife’s sister’s husband and another for the husband’s brother’s wife. ‘Co-brother’ and ‘co-sister’ were coined by us to stress special relationship. ‘Co-brother’ is wife’s sister’s husband and ‘co-sister’ is husband’s brother’s wife. These words do not exist in English as such relationships are not as significant for the British as they are for us. If there is a distinct kinship term in a language, the relationship is significant in that culture. In English, a co-brother is a brother-in-law and a co-sister is a sister-in-law. ‘Brother-in-law’ and ‘sister-in-law’ cover several relationships in English. We coined ‘co-brother’ and ‘co-sister’ to specify a special relationship. They are not used either in British English or American English. But they have become part of Indian English.”

“Mr. I. S. Sachdeva wants to know the meaning of the proverb ‘Money will make the mare go.’”

“It means that you can accomplish anything if you have money. Nothing is impossible if you have money. This proverb is from a song which runs thus:

Will you lend me your mare to go a mile?”

“No, she is lame leaping over a stile.”

“But if you will her to me spare, you shall have money for your mare.”

“Oh, ho, say you so?

Money will make the mare to go.”

“Mr. P. V. Srinivasan, retired scientist, CLRI, Madras, wants to know the meaning of ‘leap year.’”

“A leap year is a year of 366 days. In a leap year, February has 29 days. There is a leap of one day in that year. It occurs once in four years.”

“Mr. A. Jayaraman, Railway Qrs., Secunderabad, wants to know the meaning of ‘mealy-mouthed person.’”

“A mealy-mouthed person is one ‘who is unwilling to speak plainly or directly, especially when this may offend’; he is afraid to assert himself.

*She will not tell you what she feels about the situation. She is mealy-mouthed.*

One of the meanings of ‘meal’ is ‘coarsely ground grain.’ Coarsely ground grain is dry and soft and lacks in form and grit. Hence ‘mealy-mouthed’ means soft, yielding, not firm.”

*Published in The Hindu on May 14, 1991.*

## Word of the day

**Expedient:**
a means to an end, not necessarily a principled or ethical one; serving to promote your interest; appropriate to a purpose; practical

Synonyms: self-interest, self-seeking, opportunism

Usage: *She came up with a simple and expedient solution.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/expedientpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ɪkˈspiːdi.ənt/

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Interested Eligible contractors may participate in the tendering process. The details such as Tender Fee, EMD, Tender Documents etc., are available on Karnataka public procurement portal from **13-03-2024 Onwards**.

"KSPH & IDCL reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reasons."

**Note : Henceforth any changes/modifications in the tender will be updated only on Karnataka public procurement portal (KPPP)**

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Office of Health Officer(Mahadevapura), Whitefield Main Road, R.H.B. Colony, Bengaluru - 560 048.

**No.: BBMP/MZ/HO/PR/212/2023-24 Date:07.03.2024**

### TO EXTEND TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK KPP Portal only)

**Reference No : CHO/PH/PR/P-62/2023-24 DT: 06.03.2024**
**(The dates are extended as below:)**

Health Officer (Mahadevapura), invites tenders from eligible bidders for **Proposal for Providing Manpower to Mosquito Control Activities in various wards in Mahadevapura Zone.**

| Sl No. | Tender Reference No.: |
|---|---|
| 1 | BBMP/MZ/HO/PR/212/2023-24/WARD86 |
| 2 | BBMP/MZ/HO/PR/212/2023-24/WARD87 |
| 3 | BBMP/MZ/HO/PR/212/2023-24/WARD88 |
| 4 | BBMP/MZ/HO/PR/212/2023-24/WARD89 |
| 5 | BBMP/MZ/HO/PR/212/2023-24/WARD90 |
| 6 | BBMP/MZ/HO/PR/212/2023-24/WARD91 |
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| 12 | BBMP/MZ/HO/PR/212/2023-24/WARD97 |
| 13 | BBMP/MZ/HO/PR/212/2023-24/WARD98 |
| 14 | BBMP/MZ/HO/PR/212/2023-24/WARD99 |
| 15 | BBMP/MZ/HO/PR/212/2023-24/WARD100 |
| 16 | BBMP/MZ/HO/PR/212/2023-24/WARD101 |
| 17 | BBMP/MZ/HO/PR/212/2023-24/WARD102 |
| 18 | BBMP/MZ/HO/PR/212/2023-24/WARD103 |
| 19 | BBMP/MZ/HO/PR/212/2023-24/WARD104 |
| 20 | BBMP/MZ/HO/PR/212/2023-24/WARD105 |
| 21 | BBMP/MZ/HO/PR/212/2023-24/WARD106 |
| 22 | BBMP/MZ/HO/PR/212/2023-24/WARD107 |

**1)** Tender documents may be downloaded from KPP portal **2)** Last date for uploading the tenders: **05.04.2024 upto 5.00 p.m. 3)** Date of opening of Tenders: **06.04.2024 at 11.00 a.m.** Further details can be accessed from KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact the office of the undersigned.

**Sd/- Health Officer(Mahadevapura).**

## BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Project Division, Beguru Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru - 560 068.

**No:BBMP/EE/BPD/Tend-05/2023-24 Dated: 07.03.2024**

### INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT) (Two Cover System)

(Through **GOK** KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** only)

The Executive Engineer Bommanahalli Project Division, BBMP, Bengaluru-68 invites Tenders from eligible Contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with KPWD/CPWD/ /BWSSB/Railways/MES/National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction of works mentioned in the table below.

| Sl No. | Name of the works |
|---|---|
| | **Reserved for Others** |
| 1. | Providing Chain Link Fencing to Sector-6 in (I.A.S Officers Colony) Park. Estimated amount: ₹ 154.79 Lakhs EMD: ₹ 2,32,185/- |
| 2. | Providing Chain Link Fencing to Sathya Sai Baba Temple Park. Estimated amount: ₹ 101.77 Lakhs EMD: ₹ 2,00,000/- |
| 3. | Providing Chain Link Fencing to AGS Layout 16th Cross Part-1 Park. Estimated amount: ₹ 171.42 Lakhs EMD: ₹ 2,57,130/- |
| 4. | Providing Chain Link Fencing to AGS Layout PF Office near Park No.33 Estimated amount: ₹ 189.87 Lakhs EMD: ₹ 2,84,805/- |
| 5. | Providing Chain Link Fencing to Sector-6 in 1st Main (I.A.S Officers Club) Park. Estimated amount: ₹ 50.94 Lakhs EMD: ₹ 1,01,880/- |
| 6. | Providing Chain Link Fencing to IAS Park Estimated amount: ₹ 84.82 Lakhs EMD: ₹ 1,69,640/- |
| 7. | Providing Chain Link Fencing to High Tension Line Park Estimated amount: ₹ 64.49 Lakhs EMD: ₹ 1,28,980/- |
| 8. | Providing Chain Link Fencing to AGS Layout-4 Park Estimated amount: ₹ 20.44 Lakhs EMD: ₹ 40,880/- |
| 9. | Providing Chain Link Fencing to AGS Layout Park-2 Park Estimated amount: ₹ 95.00 Lakhs EMD: ₹ 1,90,000/- |
| | **Reserved for SC** |
| 10. | Providing Chain Link Fencing to Hosapalya Horticulture Farm Mangammanapalya Park Estimated amount: ₹ 84.82 Lakhs EMD: ₹ 84,820/- |
| 11. | Providing Chain Link Fencing to Arakere Hulimavu Shankara Narayana Park in Bommanahalli Zone. Estimated amount: ₹ 45.29 Lakhs EMD: ₹ 45,290/- |
| | **Reserved for ST** |
| 12. | Providing Chain Link Fencing to Jayanagara Housing Layout Side Viranjaya Nagara Near (Srichakra Temple) Park. Estimated amount: ₹ 75.22 Lakhs EMD: ₹ 75,220/- |

**Calendar of Events :** (1) Tenders must be submitted online through KPP portal on or before **22.03.2024** at **4:00** pm. (2) Tender documents may be downloaded from the KPP portal from **13.03.2024.** (3) Pre-bid meeting will be held on **16.03.2024** at **11:00** am. (4) Technical bids will be opened on **23.03.2024** at **4:30** pm.

**Sd/-**
**Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Project Division**

## aavin TIRUCHIRAPPALLI DISTRICT COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS' UNION LTD,

PUDUKKOTTAI ROAD, KOTTAPATTU, TRICHY- 23. E-mail: gmaavintrichy@gmail.com

Rc.No.1650/PE/2024 **TENDER NOTICE** Date : 28.02.2024

Tiruchirappalli District Cooperative Milk Producers' Union Ltd., Trichy invites Two Part e-tender **https://tntenders.gov.in** from the eligible Contractors for executing Labour Contract work for Stacking of Milk Sachets in the Tubs & storing in the Milk Coldroom & Loading into the Milk distribution vehicles, on shift basis at Trichy Main Dairy for the Period of Two Years from the date of issuing work order.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Tender Publishing date on website. | **08.03.2024** |
| 2 | Date and time of Pre-bid meeting. | **14.03.2024 Forenoon 11.00,** R.614. The Tiruchirappalli District Cooperative Milk Producers' Union Ltd., Trichy- 620 023. |
| 3 | Last date for uploading tender document on the website. | **25.03.2024 at 2.00 P.M.** online e-tender-**https://tntenders.gov.in** |
| 4 | Venue Date and time of opening of bids. | R.614. The Tiruchirappalli District Cooperative Milk Producers' Union Ltd., Trichy- 620 023. Tender Opening date : **25.03.2024** at **3.00 P.M.** |
| 5 | EMD Amount | **Rs.3,13,170/-** (Rupees Three Lakhs Thirteen Thousand One Hundred and Seventy Only) Payment through online E-Procurement portal only |

**Note:** Tender forms available in website **https://tntenders.gov.in** and it can be downloaded free of cost from the website.

DIPR/ 1453 /TENDER/2024

**DRO/General Manager**
**Tiruchirappalli Dist. Co-op. Milk Producers Union Ltd.,**

## KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD

3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009.

### Tender Notification (Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Karnataka Housing Board invite tenders from the eligible Pre qualified contractors in KHB through Karnataka Public Procurement portal for below mentioned works.

**Last date for submission of bid: 20.03.2024 & 22.03.2024 up to 4.00 PM**

| Sl. No. | Name of work | Work Indent & IFT No. | Amount put to tender in Rs. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Construction of Post Metric Girls Hostel 2nd Phase at Gangotri Nagara in Tumakuru Town, Tumakuru District. | Tender Reference Number: KHB/2023-24/BD/work_indent 202 & IFT No. 214/2023-24 Date: 07.03.2024 | 1,30,48,254.00 |
| 2 | Construction of Post Metric Girls Hostel 2nd Phase at Chittapura Taluk, Kalaburagi District. | Tender Reference Number: KHB/2023-24/BD/work_indent 205 & IFT No. 210/2023-24 Date: 06.03.2024 | 1,19,25,002.00 |
| 3 | Construction of Post Metric Girls Hostel 2nd Phase at Devanahalli Town, Bengaluru Rural District. | Tender Reference Number: KHB/2023-24/BD/work_indent 206 & IFT No. 211/2023-24 Date: 07.03.2024 | 1,32,31,675.00 |
| 4 | Construction of Post Metric Girls Hostel 2nd Phase at Srinivaspura Town, Kolar District. | Tender Reference Number: KHB/2023-24/BD/work_indent 207 & IFT No. 212/2023-24 Date: 07.03.2024 | 1,32,27,366.00 |
| 5 | Construction of Post Metric Girls Hostel 2nd Phase at Kolar Town, Kolar District. | Tender Reference Number: KHB/2023-24/BD/work_indent 208 & IFT No. 213/2023-24 Date: 07.03.2024 | 1,32,25,676.00 |

For further information, contact below mentioned office address **Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru, Telephone No. 080-22273511/080-22100077, website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

DIPR/CP/4166/AKAR/2023-24

**Sd/- Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**The general public are hereby notified that, my client MR. MANI GANGADHARAN @ MANI G S/o. Mr. K.N. Gangadharan R/at: Flat No. B-408, Disha Windsor Gardens Apt, Panathur- Varthur Main Road, Balagare, Bengaluru 560087 has lost Original Sale deed dated 27.01.1992,Document No. 2252/1992-93, of volume no.565, pages 76-80, Registered at the Office of the Sub-registrar, K.R.Puram, pertaining to Site No.16, Present BBMP Katha Sl No.126, Old House List Katha No.177/16, Comprised in Property No: 110, Situated at : Byrathi Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk erstwhile Bengaluru South Taluk, Now comes under the admirative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike [BBMP], Ward No.54, Measuring East to West : 30 Feet and North to South : 50, In all totally Measuring 1500 Sq feet in this regard a police complaint has been lodged with Bangalore City Police, vide Lost Report No. 0965322/2024, dated 07.03.2024. If any person/s finds the said documents kindly inform the above stated person or address mentioned below. If any person/s misuses the said document, the same is not binding on my client and they shall do so at their own risk.**

**C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES**
**Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN** M.A., L.L.B.
**Advocates & Legal Consultants**
Bangalore-43. M: 8951856652, 9845846428

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **Mr.RAJESH KUMAR NATARAJAN S/o. Mr.R.V.M.Natarajan and Mrs.HARIPRIYA RENGESWARAN W/o. Rajesh Kumar Natarajan** are intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **MRS.C.H.RADHA W/o. Mr.Cherukuri Hari Babu**; any person/s, company, Bank, Financial Institutions objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof on or before **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our clients shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing **Site No.42**, BBMP Katha No.1165, carved out of Property No.106, Situated at **Kowdenahalli Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk erstwhile Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore,** Measuring East to West 40 Feet, North to South 35 Feet, totally Measuring 1400 Square Feet, along with a residential building standing thereon, (BBMP) Ward No.25, and bounded on the:

**East by : Road, West by : Private Property, North by : Premises No.43, South by : Premises No.54**

**C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES**
**Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN** M.A., L.L.B.
**Advocates & Legal Consultants**
Bangalore-43. M: 9845846428, 9108784843

## SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

**Tender Notice No. B/TRD.2023-24/19 Dated: 29-02-2024**

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following work.

| Item of Work | Appx. Value |
|---|---|
| [i] OHE modifications for improving the profile and reliability of OHE due to slewing and raising of SE in curves in Mysuru-KSR Bengaluru & KSR Bengaluru-Darmavaram section. [ii] OHE modification works due to platform extension at Nayandahalli station towards Mysuru end. [iii] OHE modification in connection with construction of pit line 150 mtrs length at Rd-01 SGT yard. [iv] Proposed construction of tower car shed at Bidadi and Mandya TRD Depots-OHE modifications | **Rs. 1,61,69,950.94** |

Last date for submission of bids: **Up to 15:00 hrs. of 22.03.2024**

**For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in**

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer / TRD Bengaluru

PUB/726/AAV/PRB/SWR/2023-24

South Western Railway-SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

## SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

### TENDER NOTICE FOR ELECTRICAL WORKS

**(1) Tender No.: TRD-BSP-214-23-24, Date: 23.02.2024. Name of Work:** Provision/ Modification of OHE in connection with shifting of insulated overlap (IOL) shifting to maintain adequate distance from stop signal over Bilaspur Division. **Tender Value:** ₹ 1,20,73,389.32. **Earnest Money Deposit**: ₹ 2,10,400/-. **Submission of Tender: Up to 15.00 hours on 18.03.2024.**

For further details/purchase of Tender document, eligibility criteria and the complete details for the above works, please contact office of the Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD, South East Central Railway, Bilaspur (C.G.) or refer/ download tender document which is available on our website:**www.ireps.gov.in**.

*Sr. Divisional Electrical Engg. CPR/10/455 (TRD)/Bilaspur.*

South East Central Railway @secrail

## SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

**Tender Notice No. 02/2024 Dated: 01-03-2024**

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following work.

**Description in brief:** Eco-Friendly Paper Packing (Bed Roll Cover) to size 43 cms x 34 cms with flap of 3 cms width made from craft paper 80 GSM to Material Grade 3 of Table 1 and finish to Grade 2 of IS Specification. IS: 1397:1990 or latest. Brown Colour with single colour printing the logo of Indian Railway and matter to be printed as per specification attached. Sample to be got approved by the consignee before supply with staggered delivery.

**(Tender No. L6241022) (Qty: 2200000 Nos)**

Last date for submission of bids: **Up to 10:30 hrs. of 26.03.2024**

**For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in**

**Divisional Materials Manager / Bengaluru**

PUB/727/AAV/PRB/SWR/2023-24

South Western Railway-SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**My clients Sri. Samir Kumar Rana S/o. Sri. Motilal Rana and his son Sri. Ashish Rana have intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration with its owner Sri. N. Somanna S/o. Sri. Narayanappa, Residing at No. NSV Complex, Chinthamani Road, Santhe Gate, Hoskote Town, Hoskote - 562 114, Bangalore Rural District-**

**If any persons, banks, financial intuitions etc., having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.**

**SCHEDULE**

**Residential Plot bearing No. 19/A, BBMP Form-B, bearing Serial No. 14601, Property No. 53/1, 19/A measuring East to West 25 Ft. & North to South 52 Ft total measuring 1300 Sq. Feet. Formed in converted Sy. No. 53/1, Vide conversion order No. ALN (E) SR 39/2015-16 Dated 25-04-2016, situated at Seegehalli Village, K. R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, and bounded on the : East by : Plot No.19, West by : Plot No.20, North by : 25 Feet Road, South by : Private Property.**

**MANJUNATHA & ASSOCIATES**
**K. N. MANJUNATHA CHARY, ROOPA. B, & B.N. JAGADISH KUMAR, Advocates, # 96, 1st Floor, 1st Main, 4th Cross, Maruthi Nagar, Madiwala, Bangalore- 68, Mob: 9845965626, 7406090832**
**Bangalore, Date : 07-03-2024**

रजिस्ट्री सं. डी.एल.- 33004/99 REGD. No. D. L.-33004/99

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No. 974] NEW DELHI, TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024/PHALGUNA 15, 1945

**No. LAQ CR 27/2023-24** **DATE: 06-03-2024**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3D(1) and (2) of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) and the Amendment Act, 1997, the Government of India vide its Gazette Notification No. S.O.1019(E) dated the 5th March 2024 published the following notification the lands are covered by National Highway No. 73 in the stretch of land from Km. 40.00 to Km. 75.00 (Punjalkatte - Charmadi Section) in the district of DAKSHINA KANNADA in the state of KARNATAKA; required for land acquisition for road construction (widening / two lane with paved shoulder/four lane etc) In Dakshina Kannada of Karnataka State. Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) (2) (3) and (4) of section 3(G) of the Highways Act and the amendment of 1997, it is hereby notified to the landlords mentioned in the schedule and to the persons having interest in the said lands to that landlords mentioned in the schedule have been confiscated by Central Government for above the purpose, the relevant official documents for deciding and paying the compensation for the said lands, i.e. original deed of the land (2) copy of the order in case of land conversion, (3) purchase/sale/other documents, (4) present R.T.C. (5) copy of mutation and receipt of payment of revenue and compensation claimed (with suitable justification) at the time and date mentioned in this notice either by you through your authorized representative or their advocates, before the Special Land Acquisition Officer and Competent Officer, National Highway – 73&275, First Floor, Vittal Arcade Building, Near Kottara Chawki, Derebail Village, Ashoknagar Post Office, Mangalore -575006.

A personal request should be presented before him along with application.

| Sl. No. | Name of the District | Name of the Taluk | Name of the Village | Date and Time |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | DAKSHINA KANNADA | Belthangady | Laila | 27/03/2024 (11.00 AM) |
| 2 | | | Kuvettu | |

Sd/-
Maninkya N. (KAS)
Special land Acquisition Officer
Competent Authority
Indian National Highways 73 and 275,
Kottara Chawki, Mangalore.

## MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

**NOTIFICATION**

**New Delhi, the 5th March, 2024**

S.O. 1019(E).—Whereas by the notification of the GOVERNMENT of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, 2967(E) Dated:05/07/2023 , published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub- section (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central GOVERNMENT declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.,), maintenance, management and operation of NH73 in the stretch of land from Km. 40.00 to Km. 75.00 (Punjalkatte - Charmadi Section) in the district of DAKSHINA KANNADA in the state of KARNATAKA;

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "Vijaya Karnataka" and "The Hindu" both dated 25.07.2023; under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas the Competent Authority has received objections filed under Section 3-C, considered and settled the same appropriately;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the competent authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central GOVERNMENT hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

**SCHEDULE**

**Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling within the stretch of land from Km. 40.00 to Km. 75.00 (Punjalkatte - Charmadi Section) of NH 73 in the state of KARNATAKA.**

**State: KARNATAKA** **District: DAKSHINA KANNADA**

| Sl. No. | Survey/ plot number | Type of Land | Nature of Land | Area (in Hectares) | Name of Land Owners/Interested Person |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| **Taluk: Belthangadi** | | | | | **Village: Laila** |
| 1 | 103/7B1 | Private | Wet | 0.0293408 | T RAMA BHAT S/O NARASIMHA |
| **Village: Kuvettu** | | | | | |
| 2 | 14/2 | Private | Dry/NAK | 0.0141645 | SECRETARY DHARMASTHALA MANJUNATHESHWARA EDUCATION TRUST |
| 3 | 16/2 | Private | Garden | 0.0374348 | SECRETARY DHARMASTHALA MANJUNATHESHWARA EDUCATION TRUST |
| 4 | 16/3 | Private | Garden | 0.012141 | SECRETARY DHARMASTHALA MANJUNATHESHWARA EDUCATION TRUST |
| 5 | 17/12 | Private | Dry | 0.044517 | SADSHIVA RAO S/O. BHAVANISHANKARA RAO |
| 6 | 17/14 | Private | Dry | 0.0151762 | BAVA BYARI & OTHERS |
| 7 | 17/15A | Private | Dry | 0.0222585 | ALIZABETH TAURO & OTHERS |
| 8 | 17/15B | Private | Dry/NAK | 0.012141 | GAYATHRI S. KINI & OTHERS |
| 9 | 17/20 | Private | Dry/NAK | 0.024282 | GOVERNMENT |
| 10 | 17/22 | Private | Dry/NAK | 0.004047 | PALAKSHA P. SUVARNA S/O. KRISHNAPPA POOJARY |
| 11 | 17/25 | Private | Dry | 0.008094 | G.USMAN SHAFI S/O.G.YAKUB SHAFI & OTHERS |
| 12 | 17/26 | Private | Dry | 0.004047 | G.USMAN SHAFI S/O.G.YAKUB SHAFI & OTHERS |
| 13 | 17/29 | Private | Dry | 0.012141 | GOVERNMENT |
| 14 | 17/30 | Private | Dry | 0.008094 | GOVERNMENT |
| 15 | 17/31 | Private | Dry/NAK | 0.064752 | GOVERNMENT SCHOOL |
| 16 | 17/36 | Private | Dry | 0.0070823 | GOVERNMENT |
| 17 | 17/39 | Private | Dry | 0.032376 | B. SADASHIVA BALIGA S/O. MANJUNATHA BALIGA |
| 18 | 22/1 | Private | Dry | 0.048564 | GOVERNMENT |
| 19 | 22/2 | Private | Dry | 0.024282 | HILARI JOHN PIRERA S/O. VINCENT PIRERA |
| 20 | 22/4 | Private | Wet | 0.004047 | BENEDICT LOBO S/O. THOMAS D KUNHA |
| 21 | 22/5 | Private | Garden | 0.0101175 | K.S. MADHAV KAMATH S/O SHRINIVASA KAMATH |
| 22 | 22/6 | Private | Dry | 0.036423 | SADASHIVA RAO & OTHERS, MOHANA PADIVAL S/O. KAMALAVATHI (MOOLAGENIDAR) |
| 23 | 24/18 | Private | Wet | 0.0151762 | NARAYANA UPADYAYA S/O. RAGHAVA UPADYAYA |
| 24 | 24/5A | Private | Dry | 0.0060705 | NARAYANA UPADYAYA S/O. RAGHAVA UPADYAYA, PRESIDENT GURUVAYANAKERE JUMMA MASJID |
| 25 | 24/8C | Private | Wet | 0.0070823 | MAHAMMED HANEF S/O.G M.HASIANAR & OTHERS |
| 26 | 24/8D2 | Private | Dry/NAK | 0.020235 | SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF POST OFFICES PUTTUR |
| 27 | 25/14 | Private | Dry | 0.0333878 | FETRIK TAURO S/O LATE JOHN BAPTIST TAURO(0.06.25 CENTS0, ELIJABETH WALTER TAURO(0.01 CENTS), SADASHIVA RAO HYDERABAD S/O BHAVANISHANKER RAO AND OTHERS (0.01 CENTS) |
| 28 | 25/8 | Private | Dry | 0.0060705 | ANTHONY PAIS S/O JAKUB PAIS , SEBRAN KUNHA W/O. JOHNI MIRANDA, HARIYAPPA MOOLYA S/O. NONAYYA MOOLYA |
| 29 | 26/11A2 | Private | Wet | 0.008094 | JAYARAJ PRAKASH S/O. RAGHURAMA MOOLYA & OTHERS, NAGAVENI W/O. VASANTHARAJA PRAKASH & OTHERS |
| 30 | 26/11B | Private | Wet | 0.0222585 | PHELIX PINTO S/O . MARIYAN PINTO |
| 31 | 26/12 | Private | Dry | 0.0020235 | JUBAIDA W/O. G. ABDUL RAZAK |
| 32 | 26/18 | Private | Wet | 0.0070823 | AYISHA W/O. G. ISMAIL & OTHERS |
| 33 | 26/1A | Private | Dry | 0.004047 | PHELIX PINTO S/O. MARIYAN PINTO |
| 34 | 26/1B | Private | Dry | 0.0293408 | G KASIM S/O AISAMMA AND OTHERS (0.03.50CENTS) G.K. MAHAMMED S/O ABDUL KHADER (0.01 CENTS) MARIYAMMA D/O LATE KUNHIMONU (0.00.75 CENTS) BEEPATHIMA W/O LATE YAAKOOB SHAFI AND OTHERS(0.02 CENTS) |
| 35 | 26/20 | Private | Wet | 0.0060705 | G.MOHAMMED S/O. PUTHU MONU BYARI |
| 36 | 26/21 | Private | Wet | 0.0050587 | G.MOHAMMED S/O. PUTHU MONU BYARI |
| 37 | 26/22 | Private | Dry | 0.0020235 | G.MOHAMMED S/O. PUTHU MONU |
| 38 | 26/26 | Private | Wet | 0.0060705 | UMARABBA S/O. ABDUL REHAMAN |
| 39 | 26/5 | Private | Wet | 0.0091058 | AVUDRAMA BYARI S/O. USMAN |
| 40 | 26/6A | Private | Dry | 0.0101175 | GAYATHRI S. KINI W/O.G. SURESH KINI |
| 41 | 26/6B | Private | Dry | 0.008094 | GOVERNMENT |
| | | | **Total** | **0.6829315** | |

**[F. No.RW/NH-12037/17/2021-22/KNT/Zone-South-I/3D]**

**ABHAY JAIN, Dy. Secy.**

DIPR/ADM/KSMCA/1554/23-24 dt. 07.03.2024

## CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA NIYAMITHA

**(A Government of Karnataka Enterprises)**
**Executive Engineer, K.R.Sagara Division, K.R.Sagara**

**SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO - 11/ 2023-24 / Dated : 05-03-2024**

The Executive Engineer, K.R. Sagara Division, K.R. Sagara, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya Dist. on behalf of the Managing Director CNNL, has invited tender through e-procurement **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for several works. Any further information Or Clarification for the above said work including last date, opening date, Pre-bid meeting date, EMD, Etc., can be obtained from above mentioned office during the office hours & also from the above said website.

**Sd/- Executive Engineer,**
**K.R.Sagara Division, K.R.Sagara**

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Government of Karnataka
KARNATAKA RURAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PROJECT DIVISION, BIDAR**
e-mail : kn-bid@pmgsy.nic.in

No.: EE/PDvn/BDR/TA/KKRDB/2023-24/467 Date : 04-03-2024

## SHORT TIME TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka transparency act 1999 and rules 2000 Tenders called for the works under Indent No. **KRRDA/2023-24/RD/WORK_INDENT 49** of **Bhalki Constituency** in Public Procurement Portal, from the eligible contractors. Tenders may be submitted through Public Procurement Portal viz www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Amount put to tender is Rs. 336.68 Lakhs.

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| 1. | Last date for submission of Tenders | **13-03-2024** at **5.00 pm** |
| 2. | Opening of Technical Bid | **14-03-2024** at **5.10 pm** |

For more details please log on to website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in
Sd/- Executive Engineer
Project Division, Bidar

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**GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA**
**Public Works Department**
**Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi**

**No/PWD/CKD DIV/AE-2/TENDER/2023-24/6072 DATE: 05/03/2024**

**Short Term E-Tender Notification**

Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi has invited item wise short term e-Tenders from Eligible registered contractors for the works coming under the jurisdiction of Chikodi PWD Division 2 works under head of account 5054-MDR Bridge Impts and 1 works under head of account 4059-PW Buildings, Totally 3 No. of works, amount put to tender is Minimum of Rs. 15.00 Lakhs and Maximum of Rs. 83.33 Lakhs.

**Calendar of events:** 1)Last date for queries & clarifications : 12-03-2024 up to 5.30 PM, 2)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 14-03-2024 up to 5.00 PM,3)Date of opening of Financial bids (Single Cover System): 16-03-2024 at 4.30 PM, 4)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 16-03-2024 at 4.30 PM, 5)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids", 6)If no bid received auto extension will be done by e-proc itself for 2 days.

For more information & forms of tender can be downloaded from kppp.karnataka.gov.in & departmental web site www.kpwd.gov.in. Further details can be collected from O/o Executive Engineer Public Works Dept.,Division Chikkodi during working hours.

**Sd/- Executive Engineer**
**PWD Division Chikodi.**

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1360/KSMCA/2023-24

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**TAMIL NADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LTD**
**CANCELLATION OF TENDER**

| Sl.No. | Description |
|---|---|
| 1 | The notice inviting tender for Coal - 155 Dated 06.03.2024 issued for the procurement of imported Steam coal of any origin for delivery at Kamarajar Port, Ennore and Karaikal Port for a period of 2 years (2024-25 and 2025-26) through e-tender followed by e-reverse auction in the e- procurement platform in NIC portal and published in the Newspaper "THE HINDU DATED 07.03.2024" is hereby cancelled. |

DIPR/1457/Tender/2024 **CHIEF ENGINEER / MECH / COAL TANGEDCO /CHENNAI-02**

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
## COMMISSIONER SURVEY SETTLEMENT AND LAND RECORDS
**REVENUE DEPARTMENT, K.R.CIRCLE, BANGALORE**
**Ph: 91-080-22212408, Fax: 91-080-22277528**

**No: E-1345335/SSLR-DRONOTEND/4/2024** **Dated: 06.03.2024**

**E-TENDER NOTIFICATION**

**Sub:- Hiring of Aerial survey as a Service for ORI generation for Large Scale Mapping of Mandya District-reg**

Commissioner Survey, Settlement & Land Records (SSLR), Revenue Department Government of Karnataka is desirous of hiring of Aerial survey as a service for ORI generation for Large Scale Mapping of Mandya District. Request for Proposals (RFP) are invited from interested agencies to provide this service.

E- Tenders are invited from agencies for Selection of agency as per terms and conditions contained in Request for Proposal (RFP). The RFP will be available in e-procurement website **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 06-03-2024.** Interested firms may register with the centre for E-Governance to participate in bidding process. Last date of submission of proposals: **05-04-2024.**

**Contact Person**
**K.Jayaprakash**
**Additional Director,**
**Survey Settlement & Land Records**
**Bangalore. Ph: 080-22214715**

**Sd/-**
**(K.Jayaprakash)**
**Additional Director,**
**Survey Settlement & Land Records**
**Bangalore**

DIPR/CP/4096/SHIRDI SAI/2023-24

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## Shivamogga – Bhadravathi Urban Development Authority, Shivamogga

Suda Commercial Complex, Vinobanagar, 100 feet road, Shivamogga-577204. Phone: 08182-249867, 249280
website: www.shivamogga.uda.gov.in

No.: SUDA/L.A./Notice/2023-24 Date: 04.03.2024

**Public Notice**

The Authority has proposed to form residential layouts as Joint Development Project in 50:50 Ratio in lands coming in villages of Local Area Project of Shivamogga – Bhadravathi Urban Development Authority. In this Joint Development Project of Shivamogga – Bhadravathi Urban Development Authority land owners will be given 50% of total residential sites developed in the form of compensation. After development of the said layout and allotment of sites to public, until handing over to the local body, maintenance of all development works, plants on the road side, street lamps, cleaning work, building licence and other works will be implemented by the Authority. Interested Farmers who are willing to give lands by their own will for such proposed residential layout (One Farmer or several Farmers together with minimum 10 acres at one place) are requested hereby to contact the office of the Commissioner/Special Land Acquisition Officer of the Shivamogga – Bhadravathi Urban Development Authority.

**Sd/- (Vishwanath P. Mudajji)**
**Commissioner,**
**Shivamogga – Bhadravathi Urban Development Authority,**
**Shivamogga.**

**Sd/- (H.S. Sundaresh)**
**Chairman,**

DIPR/smg/No.18/03/ksmca/23-24/1460

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## RAICHUR POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
**YERMARUS THERMAL POWER STATION**
**(A JOINT VENTURE COMPANY OF KPCL & BHEL)**
**CIN: U40101KA2009PLC049582**

**No. EE(MSP)/YTPS/23-24/174** **Date: 04.03.2024**

**BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION**

RPCL, invites bids from reputed agencies for the following E-tenders for YTPS through e-Procurement **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** **Brief Details of Goods:** Procurement of **1) KPCL/2023-24/IND0895/02.03.2024** Control trailing power cable. **2) KPCL/2023-24/IND0893/01.03.2024** Switchgear spares for EEE-1. **3) KPCL/2023-24/IND0892/01.03.2024** HV & LV Bushings and Insulators. **4) KPCL/2023-24/IND0891/01.03.2024** MCCB and Fuses. **5) KPCL/2023-24/IND0890/01.03.2024** Spares for HT Panels. **6) KPCL/2023-24/IND0833/CALL-2/28.02.2024** SS shims for EEM3. **7) KPCL/2023-24/IND0752/CALL-3/27.02.2024** Spares for steam and water analysis system & condensate polishing system. **8) KPCL/2023-24/IND0841/CALL-2/01.03.2024** Various types of push buttons. **9) KPCL/2023-24/IND0893/23.02.2024** Switch gear spares for EEE-1. **10) KPCL/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT 318/CALL-2/01.03.2024** Establish ment of service water and drinking water near WT-2. Last date for Bid submission: For Sl. No. 1: **19.03.2024, 16.00 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 2 & 3: **22.03.2024, 16.00 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 4 & 5: **21.03.2024, 16.00 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 6 & 7: **14.03.2024, 16.00 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 8 & 9: **12.03.2024, 16.00 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 10: **15.03.2024 up to 17.00 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer (MSP),** Mobile: 94806 82892. E-mail: eemsprpcl@gmail.com (for Sl. No. 1 to 9)/ **Executive Engineer (RTM),** Mobile: 948083056 (For Sl. No. 10), RPCL, YTPS, Yeramarus-584134, Raichur Dist.

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## Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development and Finance Corporation Limited (KUIDFC)
**(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)**
Nagarabhivruddhi Bhavan, No.22, 17th 'F' Cross, Old Madras Road, Indiranagar 2nd Stage, Near BMTC Bus Depot, Bengaluru - 560 038.
Phone: 91-80-25196100, 25196124 e-Mail: **info@kuidfc.com** Website: **www.kuidfc.com**

No.: KUIDFC/UWM/08/2023-24 Date: 08.03.2024

**Short-term e-Tender Notification (Call-2)**

KUIDFC invites tenders for Construction of **"Faecal Sludge Treatment Plants (FSTP) including Operation and Maintenance for 5 years under NGT Environmental Compensation funds on DBOT model" in 12 packages** from the eligible Contractors. The tender document will be available on e-Procurement portal of GoK **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)**

| Package No. | Tender document available date in e-procurement website | Last date for bid submission |
|---|---|---|
| Package 1 to Package 12 | 09.03.2024 | 03.04.2024 up to 5.00 p.m. |

Interested bidders may view, download & upload the tenders only through e-Procurement portal. Any further notification will be through e-Procurement portal only.

**Sd/- Executive Engineer, KUIDFC**

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**GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA**
**ZILLA PANCHAYATH, BELLARY**
**Office of the Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Bellary,**

**No.EE/PRED/BLY/AE-1/KKRDB/TDR/2023-24/1584**
**Dt. 06-03-2024.**

**Short Term Tender Notification**
**(Through KPPP Portal only)**

On behalf of Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka tenders are invited from the eligible contractors who have enrolled in Panchayath Raj Engineering Department for 01 work comprising of Supply of Cooking Vessels required for Akshara Dasoha Mid Day Meal in Ballari Dist under **KKRDB 2019-20** through KPPP portal. Contractors are required to submit the tender before **16-03-2024 at 4.30 PM** by uploading the relevant documents through e-procurement portal website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** by downloading the formats for submission of tenders from **06-03-2024 to 16-03-2024** at 4.00 PM. Tenders will be opened through KPPP portal on **19-03-2024** at 10.30AM. Any changes in the notification will be published KPPP website only. Accepting/rejection of tenders without assigning reason is reserved. Any details can be obtained in person at the office or through telephone No. 08392-266173.

**Sd/- Executive Engineer,**
**Panchayath Raj Engineering Division Ballari**

**DIPR/Ballari/974/KSMCA/2023-24**

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ದೂ.08533–230102/230103
**e-mail: sdh.gangavathi@gmail.com**

**SINO:GHGVT/TENDER/OS/55/2023-24 Date:-07.03.2024**

**Recall of Short term e-Procurment Tender**

**Subject:-**Recalling of short term e-Procurment tender to provide out source menpower resource.

**Refference:-**File approval by respected Deputy Commissioner koppal Date:- 06.03.2021

Sub Division Hospital Gangavathi Dist Koppal here by recalling short term e-Procurment tender For providing out source menpower for financial year 2024-25. Information is as follows.

Commencement of e-Tender from website- : **11.03.2024.** Last Date for Queries on or before : **13.03.2024 @ 4.30 pm.** Last Date for Uploading of Tender in e-procurement platform on or before:**18.03.2024@ 4.00 pm.** Opening of Techno-Commercial Bid: **19.03.2024 @ 4.15 PM.** Approximate Value of tender in Rs:**Rs:62,89,869.00.** EMD: **Rs:1,57,247.00.** http:/kppp.karnataka.gov.in:**DHFWS/2023-24/SE0521/CALL2**

For more Information contact the following officers in office working hours.

**Sd/- Chief Medical Officer, Sub Division Hospital Gangavathi Dist Koppal**

**DIPR/Koppal/531/KSMCA/2023-24**

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## Office of The Executive Engineer, Project Division, Chitradurga.
Sri Sai Service Station 1st Floor, Turuvanur Road, Chitradurga.
Phone No: (O) 08194 230133, (Fax) 230294, Mob No:9901123027, e-mail : kn-cht@pmgsy.nic.in

NO. EE/PD/CTA/TECH/TENDER/5054/2023-24/329 Dt: 06.03.2024

**TENDER NOTICE**

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Project Division, Chitradurga invites CM Special Grant for the year of 2023-24 under H/A 5054 in Challakere Constituency, Chitradurga District. Item Rate Tenders from eligible Contractors for Improvements & Asphalting to roads from 1) Improvements to road from Chikkappanahalli to Chikkagondanahalli in Chitradurga Taluk & Re Asphalting to road from Pelurahatti to Hosakatappanahatti in Chitradurga Taluk, Chitradurga District, (2) Improvements & Asphalting to road from Parashurampura to Sirimajjanapalli (Upto Andra Border) in Challakere Taluk & Jajur main road to Karekal Gollarahatti in Challakere Taluk, Chitradurga District, (3) Improvements & Asphalting to road from Kyadigunte to P. Mahadevpura in Challakere Taluk & Re Asphalting to road from Kamasamudra to Tappagondanahalli via Moduru in Challakere Taluk, Chitradurga District, (4) Improvements & Asphalting to road from Nagagondanahalli to Lakumagondanahalli in Challakere Taluk & Re Asphalting to road from Gosikere to Sharada Colony in Challakere Taluk, Chitradurga District and (5) Improvements & Asphalting to road from Veeradimmanahalli road to Nayakanahatti road via Engineering College in Challakere Taluk & Re Asphalting to road from NH-150 A to Heggere in Challakere Taluk, Chitradurga District. Total Challakere Constituency, 5 roads Estimated Cost is Rs. 1000.00 Lakhs (Min Est. Cost Rs.125.00 Lakhs & Max Est. Cost Rs.230.00 lakhs) in Chitradurga District under 5054 CM Special Grant Programme for the year 2023-24 as per the guidelines of the PMGSY norms through KPPP portal in Two Cover System. The details can be had from the http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 22.03.2024. The last date for submission of tender is on 17.04.2024 at 16:30 Hrs. For more details contact the under signed officer during the office hours.

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/668/2023-24

**Sd/- Executive Engineer,**
**Project Division, Chitradurga.**

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# Water tanker price capped at a maximum of ₹1,200 for 10-km radius

Move comes amidst escalating demand for tankers, particularly with taluks in Bengaluru Urban district declared drought-hit

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

In a bid to address water scarcity and skyrocketing tanker prices, Bengaluru district administration has capped water tanker prices at a maximum of ₹1,200 for a load of 12,000 litres. At present, a 12,000-litre tanker load costs anywhere between ₹1,800 and ₹2,500 depending on the locality. Whitefield and Varthur are some of areas worst hit by the drinking water crisis.

Following a recommendation from the Technical Advisory Committee and upon the request of Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) on behalf of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), rates have been fixed for a four-month period.

The move to cap tanker prices comes amidst escalating demand and soaring price of tankers, particularly with all taluks in Bengaluru Urban district declared as drought-hit.

Effective immediately, residents who order a 6,000-litre water tanker are to pay ₹600 for delivery within a 5-km radius while the charge for an 8,000-litre tanker has been capped at ₹700. For those requiring larger quantities, a 12,000-litre water tanker is available for ₹1,000.

Following a recommendation by the Technical Advisory Committee and upon the request of BWSSB on behalf of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, rates have been fixed for a four-month period. FILE PHOTO

**Cost of water**

| | Till 5-km radius | 5-10 km radius |
|---|---|---|
| 6,000 litres | ₹600 | ₹750 |
| 8,000 litres | ₹700 | ₹850 |
| 12,000 litres | ₹1,000 | ₹1,200 |

*₹50 per every 1,000 litres between 8,000 and 12,000 litres

For distances beyond 5 km but within 10 km, the rates have been set slightly higher. A 6,000-litre water tanker would cost ₹750 while the price for an 8,000-litre tanker is ₹850.

**Largest capacity**

For the largest capacity 12,000-litre tanker, residents should be ready to pay ₹1,200.

The order does not specify the cost of a tanker load for distances beyond 10 km, which water tanker dealers say has now become the norm.

Deputy Commissioner K.A. Dayananda has issued the order, which specifies that businesses supplying water through tankers will now be subject to Goods and Services Tax (GST) as well.

At present, 200 private tankers have been commandeered under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 by BWSSB and BBMP to deliver water for free to pockets dominated by the poor in 110 villages, and in erstwhile CMC and TMC areas.

## Poor response to water tanker registration

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The registration of water tankers with the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has drawn poor response with 1,391 tankers voluntarily registering in the dedicated portal.

According to estimates, there are 3,500 tankers, including oil tankers. Last week, BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath had said that they were expecting registration of at least 2,000 vehicles. The registration that commenced on March 1 ended on March 7. The data of registered vehicles is latest till 6 p.m. on Thursday.

Recently, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar said that unregistered water tankers will be seized by the RTO and taken over by BWSSB. However, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy told *The Hindu* that he was not informed about seizure. "Seizing of vehicles is impractical as it will not serve any purpose."

# Residents air concern as KPCL begins trial run at gas-based power plant in Yelahanka

**Jahnavi T.R.**
BENGALURU

As Karnataka Power Corporation Ltd. (KPCL) begins trial runs at the 370 Mega Watt (MW) combined cycle gas-based power plant in Yelahanka, residents nearby have alleged that a lot of smoke and noise from the plant was leading to disturbance and health issues.

After battling several legal and logistical issues, officials from KPCL had stated last month that the power plant would mostly commence operations from April. The project has faced severe opposition from Yelahanka residents as well as environmentalists mainly because it is located between Puttenahalli and Yelahanka lakes and it would affect biodiversity.

In an order passed in November 2023, the Supreme Court had permitted the commencement of the trial run of the plant for a period of six months from commission. It had also ordered the Pollution Control Board to monitor ambient air quality at different appropriate locations and submit a report based on the data analysed after five-and-a-half months.

Although the plant has not been commissioned yet, KPCL is conducting trials at the plant now. "The noise and the smoke from the plant has become unbearable. Many residents are complaining about chemical smell, while children playing in the park have been coughing. Many residents, including senior citizens, have also experienced a burning feeling and restlessness," a resident from an apartment said.

However, KPCL officials denied any harmful emissions coming out of the plant. Speaking to *The Hindu*, Divakar C.M., Technical Director, KPCL, said: "We are currently only running the gas turbine due to which there is some noise. This is only for a temporary period of 30-45 days. As it is a combined cycle plant, once we start running the steam turbine also, the noise will reduce, the steam will also be repurposed in the plant. The authorities from Karnataka State Pollution Control Board are also regularly monitoring the work."

He added: "To avoid inconvenience to residents, we will restrict the trials at the plant to only day time."

In an order passed in November 2023, the Supreme Court had permitted the commencement of the trial run of the plant for a period of six months from commission.

# Tanker owners say they travel over 15 km one way to fetch water, making price limit rules redundant

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Water tanker owners have termed the price cap decided by the city administration as "unscientific" and "divorced from ground reality".

The main complaint of the tanker owners is that the government has not prescribed a price cap for trips where the distance between the water source and the destination is beyond 10 km. Several owners say that most tankers are sourcing water beyond 10 km. Thus, the price cap instituted now is unfeasible, they argue.

"Most tankers travel over 15 km between the source and the destination. So this order does not make any sense," said Shashikumar, president, Bommanahalli Water Tankers' Association.

Another water tanker dealer, Praveen Reddy from Doddanekkundi, said he travelled 20 km one way to fetch water, some 11 km beyond Varthur, as all borewells nearby have gone dry. "The site of commercial exploration of water, which was earlier near Varthur, has now moved far beyond it. One trip from our office to the source and the destination covers over 40 km. Our costs for one such trip add up to ₹1,900. Any price cap below that will not work. And the government fixing the price cap only for trips less than 10 km is meaningless and completely divorced from ground reality," he said.

Madhu, tanker owner, said the price cap is unfeasible even for shorter trips. "As most borewells have dried up in the city limits, borewell owners charge more for every load extracted. For instance, at a source just 1 km away from our office, they charge ₹1,000 for a 12,000-litre load to be extracted from the borewell. The government order caps the maximum price at ₹1,000 for this trip," he said.

**Will resolve issue soon**

Deputy Commissioner Bengaluru Urban Dayananda K.A., told *The Hindu* that beyond 10 km was not stipulated by the administration as the BWSSB request was limited to 10 km. "After the request, I discussed the issue with the technical advisory committee. Based on their suggestion, the price was fixed. If the BWSSB puts forth another proposal for more than 10 km, the district administration will act upon it," he said.

"We will put up a proposal to the DC seeking directions on the price cap and mechanism to decide if the distance between the source of water and the customer is more than 10 km. We will resolve the issue soon," said Ram Prasath Manohar, BWSSB chairman.

# NIA finds suspected bomber's trail to Tumakuru, Ballari, and Bhatkal

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) and Central Crime Branch (CCB) of Bengaluru city police, who have been trailing the suspected bomber who planted the Improvised Explosive Device (IED) at The Rameshwaram Cafe on March 1, have found new leads.

Sleuths have found CCTV footage of the suspect at Tumakuru bus stand on the night of March 1. NIA officials have questioned a few in Tumakuru, of those who may have seen him and have acquired more footage of him. Further, they have footage to show that he boarded a bus from Tumakuru to Ballari and from there to Bhatkal eventually.

The police said the accused changed his attire multiple times and took a very circuitous route changing multiple KSRTC buses, in an attempt to mislead the probe. "We are not sure if his destination was Bhatkal or whether he has moved from there as well," an official said.

Home Minister G. Parameshwara said seven special teams have fanned out in different directions to follow leads in the investigation. The teams are assisting NIA in their probe, he said.

# National Horticulture Fair attracts over 70,000 visitors

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Over 70,000 people from 22 States visited the three-day National Horticulture Fair (NHF) 2024 organised at Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) - Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR) between March 5 and 7.

Crediting various government schemes and the hard work of farmers for the advancement of agriculture in the country, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shobha Karandlaje, who attended the valedictory function, lauded the efforts of scientists in various agriculture universities and institutions. "In the last 10 years, scientists at ICAR have given more than 2,250 varieties of new crops to farmers and this includes climate resilient, high yielding, and high-density crops," she said.

She also said that to double farm income, the produce should be marketed internationally. She urged farmers to focus on value addition to capture international demand. Speaking about the rejection of commodities exported from here due to pesticide residues, she stressed the need for creating awareness among farmers.

Visitors at the horticulture fair at IIHR in Hesarghatta.

Two publications, 'Quick response (QR) codes for ICAR-IIHR Developed Technologies', a compilation of 248 cutting edge technologies, and 'Cocoponics: A futuristic soilless vegetable production system' were released on the final day of the fair.

Most of the visitors to NHF were farmers. While 71% of them were from Karnataka, 13% were from Tamil Nadu, 6% from Andhra Pradesh, 5% from Telangana, and 16% from other states. There were around 250 stalls at the fair where various horticultural products and technological advancements were exhibited over three days.

There were over 230 live demonstrations of IIHR's products too.

**BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, 1st Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, At: Hyderabad**

**O.A.No.417 of 2023**

Summons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with Sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993

Between: Bank of India, Secunderabad Branch .... Applicant

And

1. M/s. The Brew Cafe Restaurant & Bar, 2. Sri. Sundeep Bollineni 3. Sri. Raj Kumar Medhi 4. Sri. Rajender Bodla 5. Sri Narendar Dommati ... Defendants

To Sri. Sundeep Bollineni S/o. Sri Bollineni Narasimha Rao Age 34 years, Occ: Business, Partner of M/s. The Brew Cafe Restaurant & Bar, R/o Flat No.305, Pamidi Towers, VIP Hills, Silicon Valley. Ayyappa Society, Madhapur, Hyderabad-500081. And Also at: R/o #10, Sri Lakshmi Nivas 7th Main Road, Raghavendra Circle, M.V. Ramnamurthy Nagar, Bangalore North, Karnataka - 560016 ... Defendant No.2

Sri Raj Kumar Medhi, S/o. Sri. Pradip Medhi, Age:35 Years, occ: Business, Partner of M/s The Brew Cafe Restaurant & Bar, R/o. H.No.8-2-603/30/8/A, Road No.10, Banjara Hills, Khairtabad, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500034 And Also at: R/o. H.No.53, Bakul Path, Jalukhbari, Guwahati, Assam State - 781014 ... Defendant No.3

**SUMMONS BY PAPER PUBLICATION**

Whereas, **OA/417/2023** was listed before Hon'ble presiding officer / Registrar on 28-02-2024 in accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, You, the defendants are directed as under:-

(i) To show cause within thirty days of the service of summons to why relief prayed for should not be granted;
(ii) To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original applications.
(iii) You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;
(iv) You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and / or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal.
(v) You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on **10-04-2024 at 10.30 A.M.** failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

**Given under my hand the seal of this Tribunal on this the 29th day of Feb.2024**

Sd/-REGISTRAR

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I, M. Shaheena W/o M. Nyamath R/@ Kodati Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru-560035 do hereby solemenly state that, while shifting our house I have lost Sale Deed No.BAS-1-26194-2004-05 and Gift Deed No: BDH-1-04577-2018-19. I have lodged a complaint at Varthur Police Station and have obtained Lost Report Number: 0963364/2024. If anybody has found these documents please contact Mobile: 9535127805. I further state that, the details given above are true and correct to my knowledge vide affidavit dated 06.03.2024 sworn to Notary Yankoba.

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU**
**FORM No. 19**
**NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT NO. 7**
**VIDE COURT ORDER DATED: 26/02/2024**
**CMP No. 749/2022**
**[VIDEO CONFERENCING/PHYSICAL HEARING]**

**M/S. SURAJ HOMES PRIVATE LIMITED. REPRESENTED** BY ITS DIRECTOR MR. L. SURESH, AGED ABOUT 67 YEARS **...PETITIONER/S**

**[SRI. LOMESH KIRAN .N,** SHARAN A. KUKREJA, BHAIRAV CHARANTIMATH, RAMYA KATTI, ABHIJNA SOMASHEKARA- ADVOCATES FOR THE PETITIONER]

**-V/s-**

**MRS. O.N. DHANALAKSHMAMMA,** WIFE OF LATE O.V. NARASIMHASHETTY (NOW DECEASED REPRESENTED BY HER CHILDREN AND LEGAL HEIRS, RESPONDENT NOS. 1 TO 10) MR. O.N. RAMESH BABU AND OTHERS ... **RESPONDENTS/S**

**[RESPONDENT NO. 10- SERVED] SRI. SATHYANARAYANA S. CHALKE,** LAKSHMI KANTHA K.B. AND LAKSHMI KANTHA T.S., ADVOCATES FOR RESPONDENT NO. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 AND 9 NOC VK FILED

**To. 7. MRS. SARASWATHI OLETY,** WIFE OF O.N. RAVISHANKAR, AGED MAJOR, RESIDING AT: NO. 497,GROUND FLOOR, WATER TANK MAIN ROAD, BSK 3RD STAGE, KATHRIGUPPE, BANGALORE- 560 085 **...RESPONDENTS**

Whereas the above named Petitioner had filed a Petition on this Court Under Section 11 (5) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996

Emergent Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this Court in person or through an Advocate duly instructed or through some one authorized by law to act for you, in the CMP No. 749/2022 on **26-03-2024** at **10:30 AM** in case you intend to contest the Petition. If you fail to appear, the petition will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

Issued under my hand and seal of the Court, this 02-03-2024.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, High Court of Karnataka Bangalore.

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**Ref. No: NIMH/ENG/HOES/1882/2023-24** **Date: 07/03/2024**

**TENDER NOTIFICATION** (e-procurement)

Tenders on an item rate basis are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Director, NIMHANS, Bangalore for the following works (indents) on the e-procurement platform http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from the eligible contractors from KPWD / CPWD / CEIG with e-procurement Registration of Government of Karnataka e-portal only and last date for uploading tender is on 16.03.2024 up to 4:00 pm. **Note: GST will be paid separately on tendered / bill amount.**

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| 3 | NIMHANS/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT9 |
| 4 | NIMHANS/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT10 |
| 5 | NIMHANS/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT11 |
| 6 | NIMHANS/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT12 |
| 7 | NIMHANS/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT13 |
| 8 | NIMHANS/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT14 |

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***Sd/-*, Head of Engg Section**
**NIMHANS, Bangalore**

# Division Bench of HC allows board exams for classes 5, 8, and 9

It passed the interim order, on an appeal filed by the State, by staying Wednesday's judgment of a single judge quashing the govt. decision to hold these examinations

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

A Division Bench of the High Court of Karnataka on Thursday gave the green signal to the State government to conduct board exams for the summative assessment of students of classes 5,8, and 9 as per the schedule, beginning from March 11.

The Bench passed the interim order by staying the Wednesday's judgment of a single judge on an appeal filed by the State government questioning the correctness of the single judge's verdict.

Noticing that there was no interim order restraining the authorities from holding proposed exams during the pendency of petitions before the single judge, the Bench said: "In such circumstances, if the order is not stayed, the same would prolong the present situation of uncertainty, which is extremely detrimental to the student community virtually on the eve of their examinations."

The Bench also noted that the proposed assessment has already been conducted for class 11, and the competent authorities have undertaken all the preparatory activities towards the conduct of the assessment for classes 5, 8, and 9. The single judge had quashed the State government's decision to hold board exams for classes 5, 8, 9, and 11 from the academic year 2023-24 while declaring that said decision was taken without following the due process of law as prescribed under the provisions of the Karnataka Education Act, 1983. Though the single judge had also quashed decision of the government to hold annual exam for class 11 through the Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB), the exams for the present academic year concluded on February 28.

Earlier, Additional Advocate General Viram Huilgol had contended that if the single judge's verdict is not stayed during the pendency of the appeals, the individual schools would be required to conduct internal examinations at this juncture. As schools are not, at the moment, prepared, delay would be occasioned in conducting the same, and such delay could even affect the academic calendar for the following academic year, the AAG had argued.

**28 lakh students**

Pointing out that there are as many as 42,250 government schools and 2,660 aided schools, which have made all preparations for the assessment and there are as many as 28 lakh students who are prepared to write examinations, the AAG had contented that if the single judge's order is not stayed at this juncture, then there would be irreparable adverse impact on the students, their parents, and school authorities around the State.

The single judge had said that drastic change in the examination system that would affect substantially a large number of students could not have been introduced without adhering to the prescribed norms as per the law. However, the government, in its appeal contended that the changed scheme of assessment/exams in no way contemplates an overhaul of the examination system.

## Exams to begin on Monday

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

After the interim order of the Division Bench of the High Court of Karnataka, steps are being taken to conduct the board exam (Summative Assessment-2) for classes 5, 8, and 9, as per the schedule by the Department of School Education and Literacy (DSEL) from Monday.

The department has issued a circular in this regard. "All preparations for the examination have been successfully done and this year, around 28 lakh children will attend," said B.B. Cauvery, Commissioner, DSEL. The exams for class 11 have been completed.

**To challenge order**

However, Lokesh Talikatte, president of the Registered Unaided Private Schools Management Association Karnataka, and one of the petitioners against the government's move, has decided to challenge the Division Bench order in the Supreme Court.

# Sathyu gets lifetime achievement award

Filmmaker M.S. Sathyu receiving the lifetime achievement award at the valedictory programme of Bengaluru International Film Festival on Thursday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

In a display of undaunting spirit, senior film director M.S. Sathyu expressed his desire to make films even at the age of 94, after being presented the lifetime achievement award on Thursday at the valedictory function of Bengaluru International Film Festival (BIFFes) organised by the Department of Information and Public Relations, Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy, and Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce.

"I am 94-years-old now. I still feel like making films. But someone should be willing to take a risk and produce the film," Mr. Sathyu said in a humorous tone.

**Various awards**

In the Kannada cinema category, *Nirvana*, directed by Amar L., was given the first best film award while *Kandeelu* directed by K. Yashoda Prakash was awarded as the second best film award. *All India Radio*, directed by Rangaswamy, was given the third best film award. Special jury mention was given to *Kshetrapathi* directed by Shrikant Katagi and NETPAC jury award was given to *Swathi Mutthina Male Haniye* directed by Raj B. Shetty.

In the Indian cinema category, while *Shyamchi Aai*, directed by Sujay Dahake, bagged the first best film award (it was also given the FIPRESCI award), *Ayothi*, directed by R. Manthira Murthy, and *Chaver*, directed by Tinu Pappachan secured the second and third best film awards, respectively.

*Inshallah A Boy* from Jordan won the first best film award in the Asian cinema category while *Sthal* from India won the second best film award and *Sunday* from Uzbekistan secured the third best film award. *Mithya* received a special jury mention in the category. According to an organiser, 7,000 film enthusiasts participated in BIFFes. "The 15th edition was very successful in terms of its content and most shows got good response. We had nearly 30 Indian premieres and regular competition sections," said N. Vidyashankar, artistic director of BIFFes.

**Timings**
**BENGALURU**

| | |
|---|---|
| **FRIDAY, MAR. 08** | |
| RISE | 06:31 SET 18:29 |
| RISE | 04:47 SET 16:35 |
| **SATURDAY, MAR. 09** | |
| RISE | 06:31 SET 18:29 |
| RISE | 05:38 SET 17:37 |
| **SUNDAY, MAR. 10** | |
| RISE | 06:30 SET 18:30 |
| RISE | 06:24 SET 18:37 |

| Bengaluru Weather | max | min |
|---|---|---|
| Tumakuru | 34 | 23 |
| Mysuru | 36 | 20 |
| Bengaluru | 35 | 21 |

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**35°C** A dry weather to continue. Morning will be slight cool with mist and haze. Day will be very warm with uneasy afternoon.

**Bengaluru Tomorrow**
**36°C** The weather will be dry. Morning will be pleasant with mist and haze. Day will be very warm and uneasy. Night will be pleasant.

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# Trains to be diverted

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

In view of ongoing doubling works between Baihata and Changsari section of Rangiya division, some trains will be diverted. Train No. 12551 Sir. M. Visvesvaraya Terminal, Bengaluru-Kamakhya Weekly express, journey of which will commence on March 9 and 16, will be diverted to run via New Bongaigaon, Goalpara Town and Kamakya stations, skipping stoppage at Rangiya.

Train No. 12552 Kamakhya-Sir M. Visvesvarya terminal, Bengaluru, weekly express, journey of which will commence on March 13 and 20, will be diverted to run via Kamakhya, Goalpara Town and New Bongaigaon stations.

Train No. 22883 Puri-Yeshwantpur weekly Garibrath Express, journey of which will commence on March 15, will be diverted to run via Nandyal, Yerraguntla and Gooty Fort, skipping stoppage at Dhone.

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**Last date & time to express interest of participation e-Auction: 30.03.2024, 5.00 p.m. IST**

**Date of commencement of Live Bidding: 01.04.2024, 11.00 a.m. IST**
**Last date for bid closing: 02.04.2024 up to 5.00 p.m. (Delta time 5.00 minutes)**

| Sl. No. | Site No. | Dimensions in Metres: East to West | Dimensions in Metres: North to South | Area in Sq. Mtr. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Banashankari 6th Stage 1st Block** | | | | |
| 1 | 149 | 12.00 | 7.50 | 90.00 |
| 2 | 150 | 12.00 | 14.50 | 174.00 |
| 3 | 121 | 18.00 | (5.50+11.00)/2 | 148.50 |
| 4 | 100/I | 8.50 | 12.00 | 102.00 |
| 5 | 100/H | 7.00 | 12.00 | 84.00 |
| **Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 59500/- Contact : 9482666333** | | | | |
| **Banashankari 6th Stage 2nd Block** | | | | |
| 6 | 372 | 24.00 | (15.50+18.50)2 | 408.00 |
| 7 | 12 | 7.50 | 9.00 | 67.50 |
| 8 | 11 | 6.00 | 9.00 | 54.00 |
| 9 | 226 | (17.00+.15.00)/2 | 12.00 | 192.00 |
| 10 | 1070 | 13.20 | 24.00 | 316.80 |
| 11 | 1255/A | (18.00+12.20)/2 | 18.00 | 271.80 |
| 12 | 1250 | 9.00 | (15.20+13.00)/2 | 126.90 |
| 13 | 1221 | 12.00 | (8.50+9.20)/2 | 106.20 |
| 14 | 1228 | 12.00 | (17.00+18.10)/2 | 210.60 |
| 15 | 987 | (7.80+9.80)/2 | 11.20 | 98.56 |
| 16 | 784/I | 12.00 | (3.10+4.90)/2 | 48.00 |
| 17 | 1098 | 12.00 | 18.00 | 216.00 |
| 18 | 1282 | 18.00 | (16.50+11.50)/2 | 252.00 |
| 19 | 809/1 | (5.00+8.00)/2 | 12.00 | 78.00 |
| **Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 61100/- Contact : 9482666333** | | | | |

| Sl. No. | Site No. | Dimensions in Metres: East to West | Dimensions in Metres: North to South | Area in Sq. Mtr. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Kumaraswamy Layout 1st Stage** | | | | |
| 20 | 4131 | 16.00 | (10.50+2.00)/2 | 100.00 |
| 21 | 4160 | 9.20 | (6.80+17.00)/2 | 109.48 |
| **Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 127500/- Contact : 9482666333** | | | | |
| **Further Extension of Anjanapura 11th Block** | | | | |
| 22 | 879 | 12.00 | [5.70+10.80]/2 | 99.00 |
| 23 | 891 | 12.00 | [8.70+8.00]/2 | 100.20 |
| 24 | 892 | 18.00 | [9.60+10.80]/2 | 183.60 |
| 25 | 901 | 18.00 | [21.80+11.30]/2 | 297.90 |
| 26 | 902 | 18.00 | [8.70+18.60]/2 | 245.70 |
| 27 | 909 | 18.00 | [8.30+7.50]/2 | 142.20 |
| 28 | 910 | 12.00 | [5.80+6.60]/2 | 74.40 |
| 29 | 920 | 12.00 | [16.00+10.30]/2 | 157.80 |
| 30 | 921 | 12.20 | [7.60+14.20]/2 | 132.98 |
| 31 | 932 | 12.00 | [13.00+9.80]/2 | 136.80 |
| 32 | 933 | 12.00 | [9.00+9.80]/2 | 112.80 |
| 33 | 945 | 12.40 | [11.40+5.30]/2 | 103.54 |
| 34 | 1027 | [20.00+13.30]/2 | 12.00 | 199.80 |
| 35 | 1028 | [15.60+22.00]/2 | 18.00 | 338.40 |
| 36 | 966 | 12.00 | [6.90+12.00]/2 | 113.40 |
| 37 | 982 | 18.00 | [15.00+6.80]/2 | 196.20 |
| **Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 72350/-** | | | | |
| 38 | 983 | 18.00 | [25.00+31.00]/2 | 504.00 |
| **Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 84500/- Contact : 9480741601** | | | | |

| Sl. No. | Site No. | Dimensions in Metres: East to West | Dimensions in Metres: North to South | Area in Sq. Mtr. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **F E of BSK 6th Stage, 4th 'B' Block** | | | | |
| 39 | 539 | (21.00+16.50)/2 | 24.00 | 450.00 |
| 40 | 547 | (28.20+21.00)/2 | 24.00 | 590.40 |
| 41 | 574 | (21.00+15.20)/2 | 24.00 | 434.40 |
| 42 | 546 | (19.50+20.00)/2 | 24.00 | 474.00 |
| 43 | 514 | (20.00+21.50)/2 | 24.00 | 498.00 |
| 44 | 236 | 12.00 | (14.80+11.20)/2 | 156.00 |
| 45 | 186 | 12.00 | (9.00+7.50)/2 | 99.00 |
| 46 | 187 | 12.00 | (11.00+9.00)/2 | 120.00 |
| 47 | 137 | 12.00 | (16.50+13.60)/2 | 180.60 |
| 48 | 136 | 12.00 | (16.80+14.40)/2 | 187.20 |
| 49 | 89 | 12.00 | (14.40+11.00)/2 | 152.40 |
| 50 | 567 | 24.00 | (23.60+22.00)/2 | 547.20 |
| 51 | 554 | (22.00+20.50)/2 | 24.00 | 510.00 |
| 52 | 436 | (18.20+15.30)/2 | 18.00 | 301.50 |
| **F E of BSK 6th Stage, 4th 'H' Block** | | | | |
| 53 | 431 | (4.80+5.00)/2 | 8.50 | 41.65 |
| **Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 60000/- Contact : 9482666333** | | | | |
| **Anjanapura 7th Block** | | | | |
| 54 | 1 | 15.00 | (25.00+23.00)/2 | 360.00 |
| **Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 69200/- Contact : 9480741601** | | | | |
| **Further Extension of SMVL 7th Block** | | | | |
| 55 | 1653/1 | 8.70 | 5.50 | 47.85 |
| **Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 62400/- Contact : 9972027373** | | | | |

| Sl. No. | Site No. | Dimensions in Metres: East to West | Dimensions in Metres: North to South | Area in Sq. Mtr. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Further Extension of SMVL 9th Block** | | | | |
| 56 | 637 | 9.00 | 6.00 | 54.00 |
| 57 | 640 | 8.70 | 6.00 | 52.20 |
| 58 | 1675 | 18.00 | (11.30+10.80)/2 | 198.90 |
| **Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 59800/- Contact : 9972027373** | | | | |
| **Sir M Vishweswaraiah Layout 1st Block** | | | | |
| 59 | 2316 | (9.50+16.00)/2 | 12.00 | 153.00 |
| **Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 62400/- Contact : 9972027373** | | | | |
| **Sir M Vishweswaraiah Layout 4th Block** | | | | |
| 60 | 1051 | 15.00 | 24.00 | 360.00 |
| 61 | 1052 | 15.00 | 24.00 | 360.00 |
| 62 | 2868 | 15.00 | 24.00 | 360.00 |
| 63 | 1050 | (10.40+6.00)/2 | 24.00 | 196.80 |
| **Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 62400/- Contact : 9972027373** | | | | |
| **Sir M Vishweswaraiah Layout 5th Block** | | | | |
| 64 | 2108 | 17.80 | 13.00 | 231.40 |
| 65 | 2097 | 24.00 | (14.00+13.50)/2 | 330.00 |
| 66 | 3657 | (15.50+17.50)/2 | 23.80 | 392.70 |
| 67 | 3672 | 10.50 | 24.00 | 252.00 |
| **Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 62400/- Contact : 9972027373** | | | | |
| **F E of SMVL 8th Block** | | | | |
| 68 | 2238 | 18.00 | (17.30+15.20)/2 | 292.50 |
| **Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 63700/- Contact : 9972027373** | | | | |

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   **Savings Account Number:- 2828101053014 IFSC Code No.:- CNRB0002828**

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# At Bengaluru airport, a cat-and-mouse game between enforcement agencies and mules

The city's Kempegowda International Airport has emerged as a 'preferred landing point' for all kinds of contraband, including drugs, gold, wildlife, and wildlife artefacts, even as the consignment destinations have been other cities. Detecting them has been a huge challenge, finds **Imran Gowhar**

Officials at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) in Bengaluru were intrigued by a 40-year-old Venezuelan passenger flying from Dubai (UAE) to Bengaluru on February 9. Throughout the journey, he refused to consume anything, including water. This raised red flags. He was detained and subjected to a medical examination. It turned out that the passenger had capsules containing 920 grams of cocaine in his belly. The drugs were worth ₹9.2 crore, one of the biggest seizures at the KIA in recent times.

The accused was a mule for an international drug racket. He was carrying the narcotics for his contact in New Delhi, officials from the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) said.

On February 28, DRI officials arrested a 25-year-old man from Delhi who was carrying 1,498 grams of gold bars. Based on passenger profiling, officials zeroed in on the accused who was caught soon after he landed at the KIA from Dubai. The accused had gone to Dubai on a tourist visa. He returned to Bengaluru within a few days after getting an assignment as a mule. The accused had planned to take a flight from Bengaluru to Delhi.

In another case, Customs officials caught a Thai national flying in from Dubai on March 1, trying to smuggle 824.6 grams of gold paste worth ₹50.7 lakh, concealed within his body. The passenger was caught based on surveillance by field officers, and is suspected to be a mule for an international gold smuggling racket.

In February alone, DRI and Customs officials seized over 20 kg of gold being smuggled through the KIA. After Terminal 2 (T2) became operational on January 15, 2023, the KIA registered a 35% growth in passenger traffic in 2023 compared with the previous year, and served 3.72 crore passengers. The cases of smuggling of contraband, mainly narcotics and gold, have also gone up.

The KIA has emerged as a "preferred landing point" for all kinds of contraband, including wildlife and wildlife artefacts, apart from narcotics and gold, heading to other cities, according to recent airport intel.

In another instance, KIA Customs unearthed a wild animal trafficking racket, arrested a 34-year-old man from Tamil Nadu flying in from Bangkok, Thailand, and rescued 234 wild animals – python, chameleon, iguana, turtles, alligators, and a dead baby kangaroo – in August 2023. The consignment was destined for Chennai."This is a constant cat-and-mouse game, where we keep playing catch up and the smugglers try to evade us. The KIA was reporting several narcotics smuggling cases a few years ago. After we busted a series of narcotics cases, the landing point had shifted to Mumbai, and the cases had come down in Bengaluru. But after many smuggling attempts were foiled at both Delhi and Mumbai airports, the KIA has again emerged as a preferred landing point. We have heightened our vigil, which is reflected in the number of attempts to smuggle contraband we have been foiling," a senior official posted at the KIA said.

> Detection of mules is mostly a function of the expertise of field officers, often aided by leads from other agencies, their counterparts at other airports overseas, or from within the contraband trade.
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> **A SENIOR CUSTOMS OFFICIAL**

Customs officials at Bengaluru airport foiled an attempt to smuggle gold pieces worth ₹17.23 lakh concealed inside a decorative incense burner. FILE PHOTO

Gold in the form of paste seized by DRI officials from a passenger who landed in Bengaluru from Dubai. FILE PHOTO

## Identifying mules

The main challenge for Customs officials at the KIA has been identifying mules carrying contraband in their body as technology has been of little help in this regard. Even after identifying a suspected mule, officials have the Herculean task of convincing the mule to subject themselves to a medical examination, which is the only way the contraband in the body can be confirmed.

Mules are identified mostly through human intelligence – constant surveillance and profiling of passengers, and lookout for behavioural indicators that raise red flags. "Detection of mules is mostly a function of the expertise of field officers, often aided by leads from other agencies, their counterparts at other airports overseas, or from within the contraband trade," a senior Customs official said.

Every person walking into or out of the airport is put under constant surveillance by field officers both physically and through CCTV cameras back in the control room apart from several electronic devices, like X-ray machines, baggage scanners, and metal detectors.

"Back in the control room, all officers are glued to their screens, but smugglers can slip through the cracks of the system in the blink of an eye. This is over and above the field officers, who profile passengers, apart from those who check passengers and their baggage," explained a senior Customs official.

## How they slip away

Though the airport is equipped with adequate surveillance, anti-sabotage, and contraband checking mechanisms, technology has some limitations, which is exploited by smugglers. For instance, the scanners detect solid gold and metal paste, but many times fail to detect gold in impure forms and contraband concealed in body parts, sources in the Surveillance Department of Customs said. This makes the expertise of field officers and human intelligence critical in identifying mules. The Customs and the DRI have designed a detailed SOP to identify suspected mules among a sea of passengers.

Officials look out for three broad categories of

Customs authorities at the KIA unearthed a wild animal trafficking racket, arrested a 34-year-old man from Tamil Nadu flying in from Bangkok, and rescued 234 wild animals in August 2023. FILE PHOTO

cues to identify mules – ticket characteristics, baggage characteristics, and behaviour of passengers, a senior Customs official said. The first red flag is ticket characteristics, given the officials also have a list of source countries from where mules usually come and the kind of passengers who act as mules, apart from suspicious ticket bookings.

For instance, a senior DRI official said that Dubai and other Gulf countries have always been the top countries from where "foreign origin gold" is smuggled in. These trends keep changing, the official said.

"For instance, earlier most mules for narcotics came from African nations," the official said. Now, apart from some cases of South Americans working as mules, we have seen a big uptick in Southeast Asians being used as mules. We recently caught several individuals from Bangkok, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, and Singapore working as mules to carry both narcotics and gold," the official said.

In another emerging trend, smugglers are using couples with children, and men accompanying aged parents to smuggle contraband. Recently, officials at the KIA caught a couple travelling with minor children involved in gold smuggling. Smugglers also look for fresh faces with clean-slate backgrounds, officials said.

Many mules, however, travel alone, book tickets at the last minute, sometimes buy them at the airport by paying cash, or through travel agencies flagged for being involved in the contraband trade. They change their itinerary and add passenger details at the last minute, citing fake callback numbers. They often carry new bags that are tampered with; the bags often include a masking agent – something that emanates a pungent smell to avoid detection of narcotics, officials said.

Behaviour patterns of mules are also the biggest giveaway to an experienced observant eye, said a senior DRI official. They watch over their shoulders to check whether they are being followed, stare at the badge of a law enforcement officer to figure out whether they are a threat, and often do not leave the arrival area and look for their baggage to be offloaded, a senior official said.

## The key challenges

Despite all these measures, smuggling of contraband continues to thrive as mules often outsmart field officials with novel *modus operandi*. For instance, in February, Customs officials caught a passenger trying to smuggle gold powder concealed in a detergent pack. They burnt the packet to recover gold powder.

Also, after Terminal 2 became operational, there has been a surge in both passenger traffic and cargo to the extent that officials in charge of checking smuggling at the KIA feel overwhelmed, creating opportunities for criminal syndicates to exploit loopholes in the system, a senior official said.

"Though the traffic and cargo have increased tremendously with the opening of T2 at the KIA, DRI officials are managing somehow with the available resources, as they work on only specific operations based on intelligence inputs. However, Customs officials have a more elaborate mandate and are also facing a staff crunch. There is a need to not only augment their staff but also the technical equipment," a senior official at the KIA said.

## Tracking the chain

As most of the focus is on foiling smuggling attempts and recovering contraband at the airport, a majority of these cases are often not taken to their logical conclusion. "The passenger caught with contraband often doesn't have information about the receiver. Mules are often asked to wait at the airport, and a receiver having all the details of the mule and their photograph will be waiting outside to collect the consignment. If the mule is caught and doesn't emerge from the airport in 15-20 minutes after the plane's arrival, the receiver slips away, cutting off the chain," a senior official explained.

Some of these cases are transferred to agencies such as the Narcotics Control Bureau and the Directorate of Enforcement for further probe. But without a local link to the mule, there is little they can do.

"It is often only the mules, who are the dispensable elements in the smuggling operation, that are caught. Those running these rackets seem to have an endless supply of mules in several countries. Mules are often paid handsomely, apart from a foreign trip, food, and stay for a few days," a senior official said.

**Drumroll moment** Taufiq Qureshi (left), Kozhikode Nanthalakoottam. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

# A beat for every mood

## The Mahindra Percussion Festival is back and aims to spotlight young artistes

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A highlight reel from the Mahindra Percussion Festival from last year (2023) starts with slow beats.

Glimpses of the biggest names in the business – (drums) A Sivamani, kanjira exponent V Selvaganesh and bassist Mohini Dey – can be seen giving the stage their all. Sweat beads on a sea of people, artistes and audience alike, form a rare sight in the Bengaluru weather but the beats command movement. They build to a crescendo and fall, promising an exciting, bigger second edition.

Keeping with the promise, the festival is back at Bengaluru's Prestige Srihari Khoday Centre for Performing Arts. It has also been bumped up to a two-day show on March 23 and 24.

The aim of this edition is to spotlight young artistes. While the big guns like Vikku Vinayakram and artists of his *ghatam* symphony and Taufiq Qureshi's band, Surya, will be pulling their weight at the festival, it promises a deluge of rhythms in the form of rap, dance and a variety of instruments in the mix.

### New rhythm

For instance, *mridangam* artiste Charu Hariharan will be on stage with a 25-member ensemble, bringing together the Jenu Kuruba community fromKerala and Karnataka and the folk music group Kozhikode Nanthalakootam.

Jay Shah, vice president (cultural outreach), Mahindra Group, says percussion has always been language agnostic and can be attributed to the sound of civilization. "Because of its universality, the festival boasts an interesting local and international lineup," he says.

VG Jairam, founder, Hyperlink and the festival director, says a sense of raw energy from contemporary musicians can be expected at the festival.

*The Mahindra Percussion Festival, in association with The Hindu, is co-sponsored by Mahindra Finance, Paul John Visitor Centre and Carlsberg Smooth Soda and promoted and produced by Hyperlink Brand Solutions. Tickets are on bookmyshow.com*

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## INBRIEF

### State govt. notifies 12 Acts

The State government has issued gazette notifications of 12 Acts after Governor Thawarchand Gehlot's assent to the Bills, which were recently passed by the State legislature.

The Acts notified by the government included The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (Amendment) Act, 2024; The Karnataka Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation and Development) (Amendment)) Act, 2023; APMC Act, 2024; The Karnataka Motor Transportation and other Allied Workers' Social Security and Welfare Act, 2024; The Karnataka Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Act, 2024; The Shree Chamundeshwari Kshetra Development Authority Act, 2024; Shree Hulligamma Devi Kshetra Development Authority Act, 2024; Shree Ghatti Subramanya Kshetra Development Authority Act, 2024; and The Karnataka Appropriation Act, 2024.

### Date extended to apply online applications for CET-2024

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has provided another opportunity for interested candidates to register and apply online for CET-2024 scheduled to be held on April 18 and 19. Candidates who have not registered or those who have not completed the online application or have not paid the fees, can register and apply online from 11 a.m. on March 12 to 11.59 p.m. on March 15 and pay the fees before 5.30 p.m. on March 16. S. Ramya, Executive Director of KEA, said on Thursday that those who wish to become eligible for Engineering, Naturopathy and Yoga, Veterinary, B-Pharma, 2nd year B-Pharma and Pharma-D, Farm Science courses and B.Sc. (Nursing) and other professional courses should make use of the opportunity. This has been facilitated considering the pleas of students and parents, she added. Candidates seeking admission to Medical, Dental, Architecture, Ayurveda, Unani, Homoeopathy, B.P.T., B.Sc. Allied Health Sciences, BPO courses, should also mandatorily register themselves for CET-2024.

### 'Govt. will take steps to set up Vachana varsity'

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah being felicitated at an event in Bidar on Thursday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

**The Hindu Bureau**
BELAGAVI

The State government will take all necessary steps to set up Vachana university in Basavakalyan, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said on Thursday. Several seers have been making this demand for some years now.

He was speaking after being felicitated in Bidar by Vishwa Basava Dharma Trust, Anubhava Mantapa-Basavakalyan, Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva-Lingayat Mahasabha and Lingayat Mathadipatigala Okkoota for declaring Basavanna as the "cultural leader" of Karnataka. "We will consider this demand favourably. Next year, we will initiate steps to fulfill that demand," the Chief Minister assured. "Karnataka is blessed to have been home to several hundreds of Sharanas who fought against discrimination of any kind. We will preserve this rich heritage. We will take all steps to ensure comprehensive research, publication and spreading of this ideology to the world."

The State government is already building the Anubhava Mantapa, a building to commemorate the spiritual centre established by Basavanna and other Sharanas in Basavakalyan.

# LS polls: Congress likely to field three Ministers in reserved constituencies

Party is expected to release list of Karnataka candidates in two phases. It has completed discussions on candidates contesting 14 segments in State

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

H.C. Mahadevappa, K.H. Muniyappa, and B. Nagendra

The Congress high command is likely to field three Ministers - H.C. Mahadevappa, K.H. Muniyappa, and B. Nagendra - in the Siddaramaiah-led government to contest the ensuing Lok Sabha elections. All three Ministers are expected to contest from reserved constituencies.

Mr. Mahadevappa, Social Welfare Minister, would be asked to contest from Chamarajanagar (SC) reserved constituency, while Mr. Muniyappa, Food and Civil Supplies Minister, is expected to be entering the electoral fray from Kolar (SC) constituency. Mr. Nagendra, Minister for Youth Empowerment, Sports, and Tribal Welfare, would be asked to contest from Ballari constituency (ST).

Sources in the party said pressure was mounting on Mr. Mahadevappa to contest from Chamarajanagar constituency though he was in favour of fielding his son Sunil Bose. However, legislators of the district have reportedly promised that they can ensure victory of the party candidate if Mr. Mahadevappa entered the fray.

Mr. Muniyappa, a seven-time MP and currently Minister in the Siddaramaiah-led government, is expected to enter the fray, with the condition that his daughter Roopakala M., KGF MLA, will be accommodated in the State ministry during the next Cabinet reshuffle.

As there was no winnable candidate in Ballari to take on the BJP, the party is expected to field Mr. Nagendra, who won the Assembly election on BJP ticket in 2008.

He won four Assembly elections so far, two each from Kudligi and Ballari Rural constituencies. The BJP is expected to field former Minister B. Sriramulu from the constituency.

**Meeting held**

The Central Election Committee (CEC) of the Congress held its meeting on Wednesday in New Delhi, to finalise the party's list of candidates, including Karnataka.

Speaking to reporters in Delhi, KPCC president and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar said that the party would release a list of Karnataka candidates in two phases. The party has completed discussions on candidates contesting 14 constituencies in the State, he said. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, speaking in Bidar, said that list was under discussion and names of candidates may be finalised in two to three days.

### Congress' poll preparation not enough: Hariprasad

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Senior Congress leader B.K. Hariprasad, MLC, on Thursday expressed disappointment over the party's "inadequate preparations" to face the upcoming Lok Sabha polls.

Speaking to reporters here, he said: "No one has started the required preparations. I think it will start soon... The only preparation so far is the process of selecting candidates. The work that is required at the ground-level has slowed down and is not enough to face the parliamentary elections."

Mr. Hariprasad, who has been sulking for not being made Minister in the Siddaramaiah-led government, lost the 2019 Lok Sabha elections from Bengaluru South against BJP's Tejasvi Surya.

The legislator said the responsibility of delivering a good result rests on Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his deputy and KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar.

# Udupi-Chikkamagaluru Lok Sabha seat witnesses open contest for BJP ticket

**Anil Kumar Sastry**
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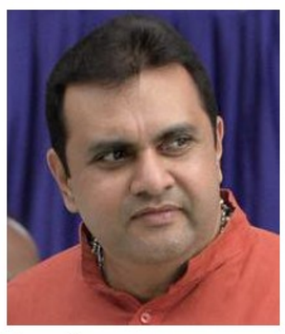

Shobha Karandlaje and Pramod Madhwaraj

In Udupi-Chikkamagaluru Lok Sabha constituency where the Bharatiya Janata Party appears to be confident of victory, a party leader, who had lost the previous election to the incumbent, is now making an all-out and open bid for ticket, spicing up the poll pitch.

This constituency comprises four Assembly constituencies spread across Udupi and Chikkamagaluru districts. It is witnessing an intra-party fight before the actual contest.

Pramod Madhwaraj had lost to incumbent Shobha Karandlaje in the 2019 general elections while contesting as a Congress candidate. He later left the party to join the BJP in May 2022. Now, he is making efforts to secure party ticket for the coming election.

A Minister in the first term of the Siddaramaiah-led government in Karnataka (2013-18), Mr. Madhwaraj had contested on JD (S) ticket in the 2019 polls following a seat-sharing arrangement between the Congress and the regional party.

**Demanding ticket for Pramod Madhwaraj and 'Go Back Shobha' drive appear to be the two-pronged campaign against Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje**

He polled 3,69,2317 votes against Ms. Karandlaje's 7,17,916 votes, losing by a margin of 3,49,599 votes. Ms. Karandlaje had improved her victory margin from 1,81,643 against K. Jayaprakash Hegde of the Congress in the 2014 general elections.

**Two kinds of campaigns**

The constituency is witnessing two kinds of campaigns, with Mr. Madhwaraj directly staking claim to the ticket and the other being "Shobha Go Back" campaign, ostensibly with his backing. Interestingly, she faced a similar "Shobha Go Back" campaign during the 2019 general elections too, with many dubbing her "unapproachable".

On the other hand, several fishermen leaders held a press conference in Mangaluru recently urging the BJP to field Mr. Madhwaraj, as he is an educated leader, can converse in English and Hindi, and can represent the entire fisherfolk community in the Lok Sabha. A few days later, a few of the leaders openly questioned Ms. Karandlaje for her alleged failure in responding to constituents' aspirations at a review meeting in Udupi. The video of this confrontation had gone viral.

In parallel, a few BJP leaders organised a campaign in Chikkamagaluru wherein hundreds of postcards were mailed to BJP president J.P. Nadda urging the party not to renominate Ms. Karandlaje.

Ms. Karandlaje faces allegations of being "unapproachable" by the public, party workers as well as RSS volunteers. Her supporters counter it by claiming that she has got several development works executed, but "does not know how to get publicity".

### Centre grants nod to procure milling copra

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Union government has granted permission to the State government to procure 2,999 tonnes of milling copra at minimum support price. The Centre has already granted permission to procure additional 7,000 tonnes of ball copra from coconut growers across the State.

Minister for Agricultural Marketing and Sugar Shivananda Patil, in a statement to the media on Wednesday, said that the government's efforts had paid off following the Centre's decision to allow the State to procure both ball and milling copra. An estimated 11,995 tonnes of milling copra would be available in coconut growing districts.

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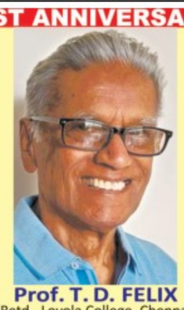

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1) Tender documents may be downloaded from GOK KPP portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 12.03.2024, 5.00 p.m. onwards. 2) Last date for Queries : 28.03.2024 upto 5.00 p.m. 3) Pre-bid Meeting : 25.03.2024 at 11.30 a.m. 4) Last date for submission of tender documents: 11.04.2024 upto 5.00 p.m. 5) Opening of technical bids: 12.04.2024 at 5.10p.m. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours & also from website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

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# After BJP, retired officers urge V-P not to administer oath to Naseer Hussain

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Close on the heels of the Bharatiya Janata Party urging Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar not to administer oath to the newly elected Rajya Sabha member Syed Naseer Hussain, 22 retired all-India services officers and Central services officers have urged the Vice-President, who is also the Chairman of Rajya Sabha, to put the oath-taking on hold.

**They have urged him to put it on hold till the completion of judicial proceedings into the "pro-Pakistan" slogan case**

They have urged the Vice-President to put it on hold till the completion of judicial proceedings in the incident of allegedly raising "pro-Pakistan" slogans by the supporters of the newly elected member in Vidhana Soudha recently.

In a memorandum submitted to Mr. Dhankhar, the officials - some of whom are known to have close ties with the BJP or have joined the saffron party - urged to take steps to prevent a repeat of such incidents in the future.

The Bengaluru police have arrested three persons in connection with the alleged sloganeering case.

"All supporters, who accompanied Mr. Hussain to celebrate victory, had entered the building through his recommendation and knowledge. The pro-Pakistan slogans had affected the sentiments of people of Karnataka and the newly elected member did not resist the slogan shouting. On the contrary, he threatened the media representatives around him with objectionable words and shouted at them not to report the incident thereby supporting the slogans of his supporters," the petition said.

Government of Karnataka
Department of Archaeology, Museum and Heritage, Mysore.
Shorterm TenderNotification Number: DAMH/CW/T-12/2023-24, Date: 04.03.2024

On behalf of the Governor, Government of Karnataka, the department of Archaeology, Museum and Heritage, Mysuru has invited the itemwise tender for the 13 works (DAMH/2023-24:OW/WORK_INDENT-52 to 64)under the standard tender documents KW- 1, 2 & 3 The minimum amount Rs.15.51 lakhs and Maximum amount Rs.91.85 lakhs kept for these shortermtenders as per Standard Tender bid Document. Tender documents can be obtained through e-portal from date 05.03.2024 onwards.

Last date and time of any Queries for tender: Date 07.03.2024 at 17.00 Hours. Last date and time of tender submission: Date 12.03.2024 at 16.00 Hours Opening of Date and Time of Technical bid: Date 14.03.2024 at 16.30 Hours. Opening of Date and Time of Financial bid: Date 15.03.2024 at 11.00 Hours

Sd/- Commissioner

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# ‘We need to create multiple pathways to bring more women and non-binary into tech’

Brenda Darden Wilkerson, Global President & CEO of California-based non-profit AnitaB.org, spoke to *The Hindu* about the myriad challenges women in the tech industry face

INTERVIEW

***Brenda Darden Wilkerson & Shreya Krishnan***

**Shilpa Elizabeth**
BENGALURU

Women constitute around 36% of India’s tech force as per data from the industry body NASSCOM. Globally the figure is around 28%. While India seems to be faring better compared to global statistics, the tech industry in the country as well as internationally continues to pose challenges for women and non-binary populations in the form of high entry barriers, workplace culture, organisational policies, pay disparities, and many more.

In 1987 renowned computer scientist Anita Borg, who was a vocal advocate for representation of women in the field of technology, started a digital community for women in computing. The community evolved over the years and is today known as AnitaB.org, a global nonprofit organisation that has been working towards advancing women and non-binary in technology. Global President & CEO of California-based AnitaB.org, Brenda Darden Wilkerson, who was visiting Bengaluru, spoke to *The Hindu* about the myriad challenges women in the tech industry face and how the organisation strives to address them. Shreya Krishnan, MD, AnitaB India, also joined the conversation.

**Can you tell us about what AnitaB.org works towards and why it’s important?**

**Brenda Darden Wilkerson:** Well, we (women) are over half the population in the world. So, tech, since it touches everyone and everything, really should be representative of our needs. The very narrow population that creates tech has not covered our needs or the needs of other segments of the population, whether it’s the elderly, the disabled, people in rural areas... We need the table where the tech is created to look just like the societies it’s created for. That’s the work that we do.

**You have been working with women as well as people from the non-binary communities. Do you see more non-binary people coming into tech or more importantly, the tech industry welcoming them?**

Well, you have to have the conversation. The status quo remains the status quo if you don’t talk about the needs of other people.

Welcoming the non-binary community is very important. And it will start probably in the same way as it started with women - through education.

So, we now have to discuss what it means to be non-binary, and what are the pressures they experience when they’re in the workplace or society in general so that we can start to change the culture around how they’re seen and how they’re treated.

I feel like it is an opportunity for us to not only help all of our families and communities but also companies to become much more successful. If they can serve the population that they’re not serving very well right now, it’s going to be better business for them. It’s a win-win all the way around.

**From entry to promotion to disparities in pay, the challenges women face in the workplace are multilayered. How do you address each of these levels?**

One of the first things we talk about is creating multiple pathways for women into tech. We want women from different backgrounds and experiences - even those who started with marketing or finance and so on - to come in. It’s not just about getting young girls or women to come into tech. I’d love to get in women of my age who have had various other experiences. The next is to build partnerships where they can get the training and mentorship that they need, sponsorships within their companies and so on.

And then very, very critical, is community.

One of the best strategies to keep people out of tech is to isolate them, to make them feel like they’re the only ones.

In 1987 renowned computer scientist Anita Borg, who was a vocal advocate for the representation of women in the field of technology, started a digital community for women in computing. GETTY IMAGES

Shreya Krishnan

Brenda Darden Wilkerson

Patriarchy has worked because there were always groups for men offering them plan, mentorship, people to look up to and become successful.

So, we provide communities for women. The community here in India is very strong. I see amazing women who are dedicated to not only their careers, but others’ careers.

We also work with the institutions where women learn, where they work, and where they get funded.

Often people ask, ‘how do you help women.’ Women don’t need help. They need the barriers removed. Existing systems, policies and procedures have many times not only not helped women but have hindered them from being able to be successful.

When it comes to workplace culture, there’s the written and the unwritten. The unwritten many times are more insidious than the written - the assumption that women historically shouldn’t speak up, for example. Grace Hopper famously said that the most dangerous phrase in the English language is ‘we’ve always done it this way.’

So, let’s educate men and get them ready to receive women into the environment. We’re doing the same thing for the non-binary people as well.

If you can start to have leaders who, first of all, look like us - that is what has helped men over and over and over through the decades - if we can foster the same sort of leadership pathway for women, then we know things will change. We need role models. We need to see others like us succeeding and doing amazing things. And it’s not that we’re not. Many times, those contributions are erased. I had never heard of Gladys West until about three years ago. She is the mother of GPS. I didn’t know about Grace Hopper. They didn’t teach me about them when I was growing up. So, we make sure we give that exposure. And we see people go on in their careers and do amazing things because they got that exposure.

**How do you measure the impact of your work?**

One of the ways we know that things are not working is when the retention is not there - that is when women are hired, but they are not retained. Over the years of their career, the trajectory into leadership for women is shorter than it is for men.

There are three things that we look at - how many women are being retained, how many are being promoted, and at what rate? These three are really important spaces.

The other thing that is important to me is to encourage women to become entrepreneurs and build their own companies.

In the U.S., 49% of the new companies created since the pandemic were headed by women. So, if we can then work with funders to make sure that they get funding, teach them of alternate ways because VC funding is not the only way to get funding, it can go a long way.

**Can you talk about some of the challenges specific to India when it comes to women in tech?**

**Shreya Krishnan:** In India, intersectionality comes in with ideas of Brahminical feminism. Women who are Brahmins have more access. With their access, they have a certain voice because they come from a particular class. And with that class, they are able to advocate for feminism.

But what are you doing about people who don’t have that? What are you doing about Dalit women? These are some of the questions. Then there are minorities and so much religious discrimination against them.

When it comes to policy, advocacy and the way the world is designed, whether it’s in the U.S. or India, there is so much shared narrative about access, opportunities, equity, and understanding equity. There are people who are more pissed off with imperfect feminism than with the perpetual misogyny and patriarchy.

As per research the journey towards equity and pay parity in India will take around 200 years; Which means our grandchildren are probably going to see the fruits of what we’re doing. Which also means why it’s all the more important.

In India, you’re looking at intersectionalities that are far more complex because you have class, caste, you have the urban-rural divide, multiple languages, the English-speaking and non-English-speaking divide...

To create equality, social justice and equity is the only way forward. We need to level the playing field.

The good news is today everybody wants to be diverse. Everybody has the intent now to say they want diversity either as a ‘tick-in-the-box’, a token, or as a genuine effort. There’s a conversation in process. Then, you channel that in the right direction. It’s a journey. And if people come to the table with a little bit of openness and intention, then the rest for us will be easier because we’ve started the work.

# Pearson India launches its first book vending machine

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Pearson book vending machine.

Pearson India, recently launched its first book vending machine in India, reaching out to learners directly in the country. Through this initiative, Pearson India aims to provide easy access to a wide range of academic books, directly to the customers, enhancing their overall purchase experience.

The vending machine is installed in Pearson India’s office on Richmond Road.

Through this initiative, Pearson India will offer a wide selection of the latest editions of learning and education books that are currently published by Pearson. Customers, including students and professionals, can make direct payment at the vending machine through UPI and purchase their desired book easily and conveniently, in less than 30 seconds.

Over the next few months, Pearson India will set up a few such vending machines across different parts of the country, said the company release.

Vinay Swamy, Country Head, Pearson India, said, “There is an upward trend of students and learners buying reference material to prepare for their entrance exams and academic preparation in India. This book vending machine leverages the buying-on-the-go trend to capitalize on this market opportunity.”

“We plan to expand this initiative in India by setting up more book vending machines across educational hubs in India that will create innovative touchpoints for consumers, who are looking for simple, easy, and convenient ways of purchasing book,” he further added.

# *IIM-B arm NSRCEL partners with GPS Renewables for ‘Campus Founders’*

This incubation programme will focus on innovative solutions in sustainability, climate change

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

NSRCEL, the incubation arm of IIM Bangalore (IIM-B), has partnered with GPS Renewables, India’s premier full-stack, clean fuels technology & engineering company, to introduce Campus Founders - a student entrepreneurship programme aimed at supporting college-based start-up founders and recent graduates in transforming their start-up ideas into thriving businesses.

This collaboration holds special significance as GPS Renewables was co-founded 12 years ago by two IIMB graduates Mainak Chakraborty and Sreekrishna Sankar, one of whom also founded a company as a student on campus. This incubation programme will focus on innovative solutions in sustainability, climate change, and hardware development. The 4-month long programme is tailored to cater to students’ needs, allowing them to evolve their ventures while still pursuing their studies.

Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIM-B). AFP

Campus Founders is uniquely designed for students from various academic disciplines, putting innovation from universities on a path to commercialization and scale. Participants with start-up ideas or working prototypes will swiftly explore MVP and the path to product-market fit. Alongside workshops and hands-on mentorship throughout the four-month duration, they will interact with seasoned entrepreneurs and industry experts who will guide them through their entrepreneurial journey. The programme aims to enable entrepreneurship as a lucrative and sustaining career for campus graduates, fostering an ecosystem where college grads can transform into CEOs of ventures, according to a release.

**Expert mentorship**

GPS Renewables’ CEO and co-founder, Mainak Chakraborty, said, “By providing access to expert mentorship, valuable resources, and a supportive network, this initiative will empower young entrepreneurs to turn their innovative ideas into impactful solutions that address critical challenges in sustainability and climate change.”

Anand Sri Ganesh, CEO of NSRCEL, IIM Bangalore, said, “It willprovide students with the necessary guidance, mentorship, and connections to transform their business ideas into successful ventures.”

**Growth driven product roadmap**

By the end of the programme, participants will benefit from guidance aimed at refining their business models, establishing validated revenue streams, developing growth-driven product roadmaps, achieving product-market fit, exploring funding opportunities, and building a loyal customer base. Additionally, the programme will instil a sense of responsibility and resilience in participants to effectively build and manage their business ventures for growth.

Applications for this programme are open until April 15, 2024

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO MARCH 8, 1974

## Police Delay in Registering Complaint Alleged

Bangalore: An adjournment motion seeking to discuss the reported incident in a suburb of bangalore on march 5 involving an Air Force Officer and a son-in law of the Chief Minister was disallowed by the Speaker, Mr. K.S. Nagarathnamma in the karnataka Assembly to-day.

The Speaker disallowed the motion and a number of notices under Rule 312 by Opposition members for a discussion after the Chief Minister, Mr. D. Desavaraj Urs, catagorically stated that the law would take its won course and all had to bow before the law including himself. He had not yielded before and he would not yield in the future to any influence and pressure, be it from the relatives or others.

The Opposition leaders alleged that the police had “refused” to register a complaint made by the Air Force Officer till yesterday.

## Milk price up in Hubli - Dharwad

Hubli: Milk Consumers on Hubli-Dharwar have to pay more from Saturday. The revised rates are nearby 50 per cent more than the previous prices. The consumer is now required to pay Rs. 1.90 as against Rs. 134 per litre previously.

Though there has been a rise in the price of the milk for over a month now, there has been an already deterioration system. The cut in the quota of milk is attributed to the seasonal drop in the milk procurement.

# Karnataka InFocus

THE HINDU

## NUGGETS OF HISTORY

### Important phase in architectural history

The Western Chalukyas, also referred to as Kalyani Chalukyas, represent an important period in the development of Deccan architecture. The dynasty's temple building activity reached its maturity and culmination in the 12th century with several temples built across their kingdom. They also built several 'pushkarnis' or stepped wells.

### 11 inscriptions found in this town

The inscriptions in Suryanarayana temple and Kaleshwara temple in Kalagi refer to kings, namely Jayakarna, son of the Vikramaditya VI and Jagadekamalla. Inscriptions found here date from 11th Century CE to the 13th Century CE. About 11 inscriptions have been found in all in the region which give details about the builders of these temples.

### Of sculptures and their ragas

The inscription at Kaleshwara temple in praise of the deity are said to be set to specific Ragas in which the compositions are to be sung. There are 12 apsara sculptures on the outer wall of this temple, of which four sculptures have been identified as depicting ragas, based on inscriptional evidence, as claimed by some scholars.

### What legend says about lingas

The local legend is that Shiva lingas at Kaleshwara temple are arranged in four floors, one beneath the other. Presently devotees can see Kaleshwar linga installed on the ground floor. The other lingas beneath the ground are said to be "agochara" (invisible). These, according to the local lore, were consecrated in other 'yuga's.

### Home to many Jain basadis too

The temple town hosted several Jain basadis dedicated to Lord Mahaveera, Adinath, Neminath, Shantinatha and Tirthankara, but these valuable idols are missing today. Inside the town in the market area we can find Trikuta Basadi. The idol of Parshwanath Tirthankar, carved in polished black stone, is intact in the sanctum sanctorum.

# Kalagi: A wonder of Chalukyan architecture now languishes in neglect

The small town of Kalagi, close to Kalaburagi, once had a cluster of 101 temples. One is disheartened to find that only about a dozen depicting its past glory stand today

**Praveen B. Para**
KALABURAGI

Kalagi town, earlier known as Kaluge, back in its heyday had a cluster of 101 temples built during the reign of Kalyani Chalukyas, who ruled between the 10th and 12th Centuries. While the town stands as a remarkable testament to the rich heritage and architectural prowess of the period, it lies in a dilapidated now due to the apathy of the authorities.

The historic town, once known as "garden of temples" is about 40 kilometers from Kalaburagi, the district headquarters of Kalaburagi district in north Karnataka. On visiting the place, one is disheartened to find that only about a dozen temples depicting its past glory stand today and even they are not in a good condition. Kalagi was also the capital city of Mahamandaleshwar of a local feudatory in a later phase. It is believed to have been a centre for political, educational, cultural and religious activities even during this phase.

Ruins of Narasimha temple submerged in pushkarni (step-well with natural springs) at Kalagi taluk district in Kalaburagi.

Idol of Parshwanath Tirthankara. PRAVEEN B. PARA

### Once a rich city

According to historians, Kalagi (which was recently declared a taluk) was once a well-laid out, rich city with a population of more than three lakhs during the 7th century. Besides 101 temples built during the Chalukya period, there are more than 30 monuments in and around Kalagi. So far, 11 inscriptions dating back to between the 11th Century and the 13th Century are reported from this place. Most of the temples belong to the Shaiva tradition and were built in Kalagi between the 11th and early 13th centuries.

Locals recall that Kalagi village was visited by the Shankaracharya of Kanchi Kamakoti Peetham, Jagadguru Chandrashekarendra Saraswathi during his long camp of 256 days at Mahagaon village (18 March 1982 - 28 January 1983). Shankaracharya visited Kaleshwar temple at Kalagi. In fact, during the same period, former Prime Minister the Late Indira Gandhi called on Shankaracharya at Manik Rao Maharaj Mutt at Mahagaon village (about 20 km from Kalaburagi city).

### Suryanarayana temple

Among the temples one that stands out is Suryanarayana Temple constructed during the reign of Vikramaditya-VI, a greatest monarch of the Kalyani Chalukya dynasty. It is a centerpiece amidst the crumbling structures around. As recorded by historians, the unique temple is said to have been constructed between 1076 -1127 A.D.

The inscriptions in Suryanarayana and Kaleshwara temples in Kalagi names Jayakarna, son of the Vikramaditya VI, and king Jagadekamalla of Kalyani Chalukyas. There are several carvings inside the temples, but with the passage of time these carvings have blurred and are difficult to comprehend.

The Suryanarayana temple is a structural made from black schist. The outer walls are covered with beautifully carved inscriptions of salabhanjikas, and deities such as Brahma, Vishnu, Eshwar, Bhairava, Nataraja, Uma-Maheshwara, Mahisha-Mardhini, Ganesh and so on. Each structure has beautiful carvings on walls inside and outside, decorated entrance, exquisite statues, pillars are intricately carved with fusion motifs.

With neglect, a portion of the side walls of the Suryanarayana temple has already fallen down and roots trees have made their way into the walls, threatening them further. The ceiling as well as the wall are in a dilapidated state. Though the temples were under the control of the State Archaeological Department, no efforts were made to preserve them.

A Pushkarni (traditional step well with natural springs) is also seen nearby Narasimha and Eshwar temple on the bay of Kalagi stream. A Narasimha temple built on a heptagonal-shaped foundation is adjacent to the step well. The beautiful idol of Ganesh and other idols of gods and goddesses are lying neglected on the banks of stream adjacent to Kaleshwar temple. A few temples that have collapsed are being used as cattle sheds.

There was also a grand Trikuta temple with three separate sanctum sanctorum in one structure with navrang at the centre, and mukha mantapa towards east.

Front view of the ruins of Suryanarayana temple at Kalagi village PRAVEEN B. PARA

Ruins of Suryanarayana temple at Kalagi village.

Jain basadi in a dilapidated condition at Kalagi village. PRAVEEN B. PARA

Sculptures on the walls of ruined Suryanarayana temples in Kalagi village.

### Jain basadis

Jainism also flourished well in the North Karnataka region. In the fifth century CE, many dynasties of the south including Gangas, Kadambas, the Chalukyas and the Rashtrakutas patronised Jainism. Rashtrakuta kings of Manyakheta (now called as Malkhed in Sedam taluk) showed a special leaning towards Jainism and Jaina art and literature.

As the Chalukya dynasty rulers were great patrons of Jainism, the temple town hosted several Jain basadis dedicated to Lord Mahaveera, Adinath, Neminath, Shantinatha and Tirthankara, but these valuable idols are missing today. Inside the town in the market area we can find Trikuta Basadi opposite to Banashankari temple, at the end of this lane at a stone's throw is the idol of Parshwanath Tirthankar, carved in polished black stone. It is intact in the sanctum sanctorum.

The Mallikarjuna temple (earlier known as Gonkeshwara temple) is located amidst the town habitation; built by Bana Mahamandaleshwara Vira Gonkarasa in 1163 A.D. On the right side of Mallikarjun temple is Siddeshwara temple, both belonging to the 12th century. The temples at Kalagi follow the variant of Dravidian architecture popularly known as "Karnata Dravida style."

The town with rich and diverse heritage needs maintenance and refurbishing to save it from further degradation.

Padmaja Venugopal

## Karunakaran's daughter and KPCC general secretary joins the BJP

**The Hindu Bureau**
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Padmaja Venugopal, Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) general secretary and the late Kerala Chief Minister K. Karunakaran's daughter, has joined the Bharatiya Janata Party.

BJP Kerala in-charge Prakash Javadekar formally welcomed her into the party fold at a brief function at the party headquarters in New Delhi.

Ms. Venugopal said she was pained to renounce the party "she was born into''. "I greatly respect Sonia Gandhi, but she has become remote and inaccessible. My father also felt similarly shunned by the Congress leadership, which is ultimately responsible for my shift to the BJP. The Congress has no single unifying leader like Prime Minister Narendra Modi," Ms. Venugopal said.

Mr. Javedkar declined to comment on the BJP's plans for Ms. Venugopal.

Ms. Venugopal denied forsaking her father's stridently anti-Sangh Parivar political legacy.

# Governor Khan sacks V-Cs of two universities in Kerala

The V-Cs have 10 days to challenge the orders in Kerala High Court; Raj Bhavan directs them to vacate the positions saying their appointments are found to be 'not in terms with UGC regulations'

**The Hindu Bureau**
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan as Chancellor of universities on Thursday invalidated the appointments of the Vice-Chancellors of Calicut University and Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit M.K. Jayaraj and M.V. Narayanan respectively.

The move comes around two weeks after Mr. Khan conducted hearings for four Vice-Chancellors, including the duo who have been removed from their positions.

Suspense continues over the fate of Saji Gopinath,

Arif Mohammed Khan

Vice-Chancellor of Digital University Kerala, and P.M. Mubarak Pasha of Sree Narayanan Guru Open University, with the University Grants Commission (UGC) seeking two weeks to provide a clarification on "the application of regulations on the appointment of the first Vice-Chancellors and the point of time from which they would apply".

The Chancellor has not accepted a resignation letter submitted by Prof. Pasha thus far.

Citing a Supreme Court order that had set aside the appointment of former Vice-Chancellor of APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University M.S. Rajasree, Raj Bhavan directed Prof. Jayaraj and Prof. Narayanan to vacate the positions citing that their appointments were found to be "not in terms with UGC regulations".

"Therefore, it (the appointments) has to be treated as void ab initio in light of the law laid down by the Supreme Court," the order read.

Mr. Khan found Prof. Narayanan to have been the sole name to have been proposed by the search-cum-selection committee for appointment as Vice-Chancellor. This contravened the requirement for a panel of short-listed candidates.

In the case of Prof. Jayaraj, the selection panel included the then Chief Secretary and thereby, violated the UGC regulations.

The two academics will have 10 days to challenge the orders in the Kerala High Court.

# Scientists discover new species of parasitoid wasp in Western Ghats region of State

**The Hindu Bureau**
MYSURU

Entomologists of the Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment have discovered a new species of wasp in the Western Ghat region of Karnataka.

The new species is *Taeniogonalos deepaki*, named after the medical doctor and nature enthusiast Deepak Deshpande who collected the specimen.

The parasitoid wasp discovered in Western Ghats by scientists at ATREE, Bengaluru

The new species, *Taeniogonalos deepaki*, was discovered in the Belgaum region and a release said that in the world of insects some have a unique way of growing up–they need to live inside another and they are called parasitoids.

Among them, there's a group called hyperparasitoids and they are akin to spies of the insect world because they sneak into other parasitoids.

Trigonalyidae are these types of insects, said the release.

The study was conducted by Femi Ezhuthupallickal Benny, A.P. Ranjith, and Priyadarsanan Dharma Rajan, scientists of ATREE Bengaluru and has been published in the latest issue of the international journal Zootaxa, the release added.

## Couple arrested for 'honour killing' bid

**The Hindu Bureau**
ERODE

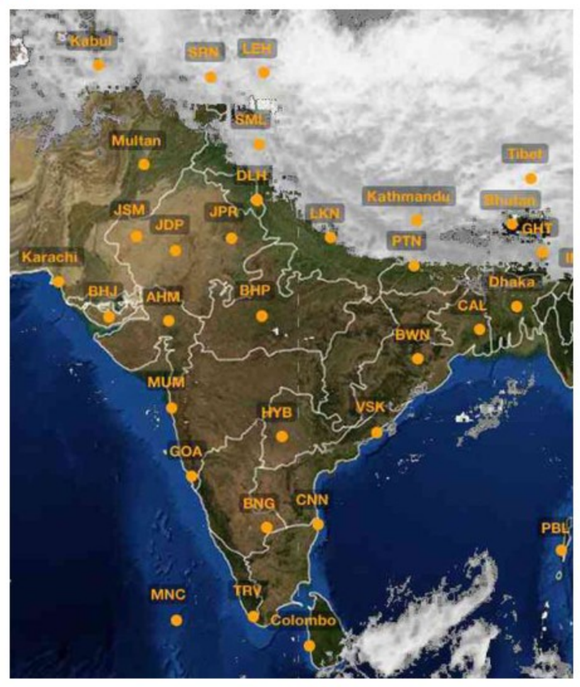
The Erode police on Thursday arrested a couple, who had opposed the inter-caste marriage of their daughter with an Adi Dravidar youth, on charges of attempting to kill their son-in-law, in Bhavanisagar by ramming his two-wheeler with a pickup van.

While the young man managed to escape, his 16-year-old sister was killed in the incident on Wednesday, which the police said was a bid at honour killing.

Police said J. Subash of Guruvayurappan Nagar in Bhavanisagar, who owns and operates a private ambulance, married C. Manju of the Kongu Vellalar Gounder community on October 8, 2023. Their love marriage was opposed by Manju's parents, Chandran and Chitra.

On Wednesday, Subash was riding on a two-wheeler to drop his sister Harini, a Class 10 student, at a private school in the area. At 9 a.m. while they were nearing Nesavalar Colony on the Sathyamangalam – Mettupalayam Road, a pickup van rammed their two-wheeler from behind and both were thrown off the vehicle in the impact. Subash suffered injuries and was admitted to a hospital in Sathyamangalam. Harini sustained head injuries and was admitted to a private hospital in Coimbatore. She succumbed to her injuries.

## WEATHERWATCH

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**Forecast for Friday:** No weather warning

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| Allahabad | — | 29.7 | 11.5 | Madurai | — | 36.3 | 23.6 |
| Bengaluru | — | 34.8 | 21.4 | Mangaluru | — | 34.0 | 22.6 |
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| Bhubaneswar | 10.6 | 33.8 | 24.1 | Mysuru | — | 34.0 | 21.0 |
| Chandigarh | — | 26.0 | 10.5 | New Delhi | — | 26.4 | 8.0 |
| Chennai | — | 34.1 | 24.8 | Patna | — | 27.5 | 13.6 |
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| Dehradun | — | 25.8 | 9.8 | Puducherry | — | 33.0 | 23.8 |
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| Goa | — | 32.4 | 20.8 | Raipur | — | 32.6 | 21.1 |
| Guwahati | — | 30.6 | 13.2 | Ranchi | — | 28.6 | 15.6 |
| Hubballi | — | 37.0 | 20.0 | Shillong | — | 20.2 | 7.1 |
| Hyderabad | — | 37.3 | 23.9 | Shimla | — | 17.0 | 6.9 |
| Imphal | — | 28.1 | 7.9 | Srinagar | — | 14.4 | 2.1 |
| Jaipur | — | 27.6 | 12.4 | Thiruvananthapuram | — | 34.6 | 25.4 |
| Kochi | — | 31.8 | 26.2 | Tiruchi | — | 37.1 | 23.4 |
| Kohima | — | 21.5 | 7.0 | Vijayawada | — | 35.6 | 22.2 |
| Kolkata | — | 26.2 | 20.6 | Visakhapatnam | — | 32.8 | 25.8 |

*(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)*

**Pollutants in the air you are breathing**

| CITIES | $SO_2$ | $NO_2$ | CO | PM2.5 | PM10 | CODE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ahmedabad | 7 | 55 | .22 | 172 | 167 | |
| Bengaluru | .10 | .17 | .25 | 147 | 162 | |
| Chennai | .11 | .20 | 111 | 85 | 85 | |
| Delhi | .10 | .43 | .55 | 258 | 241 | |
| Hyderabad | .13 | .36 | .15 | 79 | 110 | |
| Kolkata | .22 | .94 | .31 | 123 | 131 | |
| Lucknow | 8 | .35 | .26 | 91 | 107 | |
| Mumbai | .19 | 144 | 9 | 124 | 114 | |
| Pune | .87 | 110 | 114 | 79 | 84 | |
| Visakhapatnam | .14 | .38 | .14 | 66 | 91 | |

**Yesterday**

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Jalna, Maharashtra recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 335 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Tumakuru, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 25

**Air Quality Code:** Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

**$SO_2$:** Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

**$NO_2$:** Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

**CO:** Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

**PM2.5 & PM10:** Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Govt of Karnataka
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD DIVISION KALABURAGI**
No: EE/PWD/KD/TS-2/Tender Notification/2023-24/8710 Date: 04-03-2024
**:: SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION ::**
1) Name of Work: Executive Engineer PWD Division Invites tender for the (10) Works under KKRDB for indent No (Gen 9) 9475. 9677. 9675. 9557. 9529. 9527. 8232. 9525. 9678. 10166. (1. Work res of SC Category 9529), 2) Estimate cost: **Min Rs. 10.59 Lakhs Max Rs. 300.00 Lakhs,** 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class IV, III, I & above, 4) EMD Amount: Rs.20000.00 Rs 381000.00, 5) Pre-Bid Meeting: **07.03.2024 (11.00 Hrs)**, 6) Last date for queries: **11.03.2024 (17.30 Hrs),** 7) Last date for Submission of Bid: **12.03.2024 (16.00 Hrs),** 9) Date of Opening of Technical Bid : **13.03.2024 (16.30 Hrs)**, 10) Date of opening of Financial Bid (for Two Cover) : **14.03.2024 (11.30 Hrs)**, 11) Enquiries : Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi, 12) Note: GST Will be Paid Separately, 13) Website : www.e-proc.Karnatak.gov.in, 14) Bidders Should Note That: Note: 1)Undersigned reserves the right to Cancel / Postpone/ Reject any or all the tenders at any point of time during tender process without assigning any reason. 2)Changes in the tender process will not be Published in the News Papers Bidders may get Details of Changes In KPPP Portal Only.
**Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division Kalaburagi**
DIPR/Kalaburagi/976/KSMC&A/2023-24

**TAMILNADU MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD.**
(A Government of Tamilnadu Undertaking)
No.417, Pantheon Road, Egmore, Chennai - 600 008. Phone: 28191890/28190259; Fax: 044-28190636.

| Sl. No. | Online Tender No. / Rate Contract (RC) No. / item with qty. / Document Cost | Sale Period | Pre bid | Last date Submission | Opening |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | RC Tender No.E1157/EYE/RC//TNMSC/ENGG/ 2024, dt: 04.03.2024- Non-contact Tonometer (5) – Rs.2,290/- | 11.03.2024 to 25.03.2024 | 18.03.2024 11.00 AM | 26.03.2024 11.00 AM | 26.03.2024 12.00 Noon |
| 2 | RC Tender No.E1158/DEN/RC/TNMSC/ENGG/ 2024, dt: 04.03.2024- Dental Chair with accessories (25), Chair Mounted Dental X-ray (5), LED Curing Light Source (5), Intra Oral Dental X-ray (5) – Rs.5,725/- | 11.03.2024 to 25.03.2024 | 18.03.2024 11.30 AM | 26.03.2024 11.00 AM | 26.03.2024 12.00 Noon |
| 3 | Tender No.E1159/MON/KCSSH/TNMSC/ENGG/ 2024, dt: 04.03.2024- Intraoperative Neurophysiological Monitoring System (1) – Rs.2,290/- | 11.03.2024 to 25.03.2024 | 18.03.2024 12.00 Noon | 26.03.2024 11.00 AM | 26.03.2024 12.00 Noon |
| 4 | RC Tender No.E1160/MANN/RC/DME-11MCH/TNMSC/ENGG/ 2024, dt: 04.03.2024- Various Mannequins (110 nos., 143 nos. & 253 nos.) – Rs.5,725/- | 12.03.2024 to 26.03.2024 | 19.03.2024 11.00 AM | 27.03.2024 11.00 AM | 27.03.2024 12.00 Noon |
| 5 | Tender No.E1161/SPECT/DME-11MCH/TNMSC/ENGG/ 2024, dt: 04.03.2024 Mass Spectrometry based Bacterial Identification System (1) – Rs.5,725/- | 12.03.2024 to 26.03.2024 | 19.03.2024 11.30 AM | 27.03.2024 11.00 AM | 27.03.2024 12.00 Noon |
| 6 | RC Tender No.E1162/CRYO/RC/DME/TNMSC/ENGG/ 2024, dt: 04.03.2024- Cryo unit (5) – Rs.2,290/- | 12.03.2024 to 26.03.2024 | 19.03.2024 12.00 Noon | 27.03.2024 11.00 AM | 27.03.2024 12.00 Noon |

For details visit **www.tenders.tn.gov.in** and TNMSC website **www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in**
DIPR/1462/Tender/2024
**General Manager (Equipment)**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**
It is brought to the notice of General Public that our Client is intending to purchase Flat bearing No. FF-02, New Municipal No. 49/1, having PID No. 78-61-49/1, First Floor, of the Apartment known as "Assetz Stratos", having a super built up area of 2,327 square feet situated at S.R.T Road, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru, (earlier Site being No. 11-11/A, earlier known as Jayaramdas layout, Cunningham Road, Bangalore), from its owner Any person/s having objections to the said transactions can register their claim/s with documentary evidence with the undersigned within 7 days of publication hereof, failing which, our client will proceed with the transactions and any claim/s received thereafter will not be entertained.
**JURISLAB LEGAL**, Advocates
No. 32/2, 2nd floor, 18th cross, Sadashivanagar, Bengaluru– 560080
Mob : 9606192844

## Accused in sexual assault case remanded

**Rajesh B Nair**
PUDUCHERRY

The two accused persons who were arrested in connection with the sexual assault and murder of a nine-year-old girl in Puducherry were remanded in judicial custody on Thursday.

Puducherry Third Additional Judge M. Elavarasan conducted the remand proceedings at the Kalapet Central Prison, following reports of protests planned by advocates against the accused , G. Vivekanandan and Kakka, alias Karuna, sources said.

**GRIDCO LIMITED**
GRIDCO Empowering Odisha
**( A Govt. of Odisha Undertaking)**
**Regd. Office : Janpath, Bhubaneswar-751022, ODISHA**
**E-Tender Notice No-04/2023-24**
**Design, fabrication, supply, transportation, civil works, installation and commissioning including 12 months O&M of 120 Mtr. and 150 Mtr. tall lattice masts (WRA) along with allied wind data measuring instruments including data acquisition, validation and report generation.**
GRIDCO Ltd. being the nodal agency for implementing the Renewal Energy Policy-2022 in the state of Odisha, invites bids in e-Tender mode only from reputed and eligible bidders for "Design, fabrication, supply, transportation, civil works, installation and commissioning including 12 months operation & maintenance of 120 Mtr. and 150 Mtr. tall lattice masts (WRA) along with allied wind data measuring instruments including data acquisition, validation and report generation" confirming to the terms and conditions mentioned in the tender document.
The interested bidders would be required to enrol themselves on the e-tender portal, **www.tenderwizard.com/gridco**. Complete set of bidding documents are available at the tender portal, **www.tenderwizard.com/gridco** or GRIDCO website: **www.gridco.co.in / www.greenenergyinvest.odisha.gov.in** for downloading the scope of supply and terms and conditions in detail.
Date of publication of tender – **11.03.2024**
Date of submission of queries/ clarification if any – **18.03.2024**
Date of Prebid meeting – **22.03.2024**, **1:30 AM at GRIDCO Conference Hall / VC**
Last date of submission of proposal- **11.04.2024, 1:00 PM**
Date of opening of Techno-Commercial Bid – **11.04.2024, 5:00 PM**
**Sd/- Chief Project Manager, RE Nodal Agency**
CAD- OIPR-04056/11/0036/2324

**GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA**
**MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**
**M.I & G.W.D. DIVISION, VIJAYAPUR**
**No.EE/MID/VJP/AE-2,3/4702/TND/2023-24/3582** **Date: 06.03.2024**
**SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION**
The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department, Division Vijaypur invites work tenders through "E-Procurement" from eligible contractor on item rate Tender for following works as per KTPP Act-2000 and latest amendments.
**Atal Bhujal Works :-** Total 8 Works, Estimated Cost **Rs.399.92 Lakhs**, **Tender Period for the above works are Three(3) Months including monsoon.**
**4702 Major Works :-** Total 6 Works, Estimated Cost **Rs.674.91 Lakhs**, **Tender Period for the above works are Three(3) to Eleven(11) Months including monsoon.**
Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka E-Procurement website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/ portal/portal-home under login for Contractors from **13.03.2024.** Tenders may be submitted on electronically in E-Procurement portal up to **17-30 hrs.** on **20.03.2024.** Interested contractors information regarding works may be obtained from this office (Ph.No.08352-277188) or e-Procurement helpdesk (Ph.No.080-25501216 & 080-25501227) upto **17-30 hrs.** on **19.03.2024.** . Pre-bid meeting will be held on **16.03.2024** for work costing above 1.00Crore in the office of the Executive Engineer, MI&GWDD Division, Vijaypur. Other details can be seen in the tender documents.
**Sd/-**
**Executive Engineer,**
**MI & GWDD Division, Vijayapur**
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ವಿಜಯಪುರ/556/ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಂಸಿಎ/2023–24

**PUBLIC NOTICE**
The members of general public hereby notified that our client intends to purchase property bearing No.1608 situated at E and F Block, Dattagalli, Chamaraja Mohalla, Mysuru more fully detailed in the scheduled from its present acclaimed owner Shri. Abhay Kishor Patel and Smt. Krishma Abhay Patel for a valuable, lawful and adequate consideration.
Our client being bonafide purchaser has scrutinised the documents of title as placed and represented by such proposed seller referred above.
In the event of any person has knowledge, or has reasoned to believe or has any right title or interest other than beholding of the proposed seller or who has reason to believe that such sale should not materialised may intimate the undersigned with in 10 days from the date of this publication. This publication notice is caused with abundant caution and due diligence by our client.
Any objection should be accompanied by authenticated document, reasons and any objections that is false can subject such person to criminal prosecution and damages.
**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**
All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing No.1608 situated at E and F Block, Dattagalli, Chamaraja Mohalla, Mysuru, measuring EAST to WEST 15 Meters and NORTH to SOUTH 24 Meters, with total measuring 360 Square Meters, and bounded on :
East: Site No.1609, West: Site No.1607, North: Road, South: Site No.1603.
**Mahadeva Deshak**
Advocate
**Deshak Law Reigns**,
No.479, II Main Road, II Floor, Vinaya Marga, Siddhartha Nagara, Mysuru-570 011. Cell No: 86601 95676
Place: Mysuru.
Date: 07-03-2023.

**IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE II ADDITIONAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AT MYSURU**
**In the matter of Original Suit in O.S . No. 421 of 2023**
**Plaintiff: Shri. Runal. S Son of Shri S Shivakumar, Aged about 25 years Residing at No. 268/2B, 12th Main, 23rd Cross, E Block Vijayanagara Third Stage, Mysuru- 570017.**
**V/s**
**Defendant: Shri Shivakumar Son of Shri M Shankar, Aged about 47 years, Residing at No. 003, Adarsh Gardens, Ground Floor, 8th Block, Jayanagara, Bengaluru South-560078**
**Summons to Defendant**
Whereas, the above named plaintiff has lodged these original Suit in O.S No.421 of 2023 on the file of the Second additional Senior Civil Judge at Mysuru
Whereas, you the above named Defendant is hereby called upon to appear in person or through authorized agent on **4th day of April 2024** at 11.am.
Whereas, if you fail to appear on the above said date, the matter will be proceeded to be disposed of by placing you ex –parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of this Hob' ble court, on this 4th day of March 2024.
**By the order of the court**
Chief Ministerial Officer
Court of the Senior Civil Judge and CJM, Mysuru
Advocate
**Mahadeva Deshak,**
Attorney at Law & Corporate Consultant, No.479, Abhimaan Complex, 2nd Floor,
Opp. Siddivinayaka Temple Entrance, Near JSS Public School, Vinaya Marga Siddartha Nagar, Mysore- 570011

Government of Karnataka
**Office of The Deputy Director, Social Welfare Department, Gadag**
**Phone No. : 08372-231828 E-Mail : dswogadag@gmail.com**
**e-Procurement Tender Notice**
e-Procurement Tender is invited in two cover system for supply of Food Grains and other material to Govt. Residential Schools, Ashrama Schools, Pre-Matric/Post-Matric Student Hostels being managed by Social Welfare Department and Scheduled Castes Welfare Department in the limits of Gadag District for two years from the year 2024 eligible Person/ Firm/Agency registered under law of various Acts. Interested, eligible Tenderers can submit Tenders through e-portal. Tender details are as below.

| Sl. No. | Taluk | Tender Number | Annual Approx. Amount Fixed for the Tender. Rs. in lakhs | E.M.D. Amount in Rs. Approx. amount for two year period |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 01 | Gadag | SWD/2023-24/IND0223 | 574.84 | 1500000 |
| 02 | Mundaragi | SWD/2023-24/IND0224 | 278.13 | 835000 |
| 03 | Rona | SWD/2023-24/IND0225 | 165.20 | 496000 |
| 04 | Shirahatti | SWD/2023-24/IND0226 | 167.58 | 500000 |
| 05 | Naragunda | SWD/2023-24/IND0227 | 49.73 | 200000 |

Further details and Tender Documents can be availed in website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in
Last date for submission of Tenders : **04.04.2024** up to 5.00 PM. For further information please contact office Phone No.: **9480843033**.
**Sd/- (Prashant M. Varagappanavara)**
**Deputy Director, Social Welfare Department, Gadag**
DIPR/Gadag/KSMCA/620/2023-24

**ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು**
**ಉಪ ಆಯುಕ್ತರು (ಆಡಳಿತ) ವಿಭಾಗ, ಸಯ್ಯಾಜಿರಾವ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು–570024**
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಮೈನಪಾ/ಉ.ಆ(ಆ)/2023–24 ದಿನಾಂಕ:05.03.2024
**ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ** (ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)
ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಕಚೇರಿ ಮತ್ತು ವಲಯ ಕಚೇರಿಗಳ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ಕ್ಯಾನಿಂಗ್ ಮತ್ತು ಡಿಜಿಟಲಿಕರಣಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಎಂಪನೆಲ್ಡ್ ಪೂರ್ವ ಅರ್ಹ ಮಾರಾಟಗಾರರಿಂದ (empanelled pre-qualified vendors) ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಎಲೆಕ್ಟ್ರಾನಿಕ್ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಕಚೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದವರಿಂದ ಮತ್ತು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು.

| ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ. | ವಿವರ | ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) | ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ | ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **ನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಅನುದಾನ** | | | |
| 1. | ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಕಚೇರಿ ಮತ್ತು ವಲಯ ಕಚೇರಿಗಳ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ಕ್ಯಾನಿಂಗ್ ಮತ್ತು ಡಿಜಿಟಲಿಕರಣಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಎಂಪನೆಲ್ಡ್ ಪೂರ್ವ ಅರ್ಹ ಮಾರಾಟಗಾರರಿಂದ ಎಲೆಕ್ಟ್ರಾನಿಕ್ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ. **DMA/2023-24/SE2738** | 100.00 | 2,00,000/– | 12 ತಿಂಗಳು |

**ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಯಡಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಶೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿದೆ.**

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳು ಚಾಲ್ತಿಗೆ ಬರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ | ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05–03–2024 | ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 2.00 ರ ನಂತರ |
| 2 | ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಕಾಲ | ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20–03–2024 | ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ |
| 3 | ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಕಾಲ | ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22–03–2024 | ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ |
| 4 | ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆ | ದಿನಾಂಕ: 13–03–2024 | ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ |

ಸಹಿ/–ಉಪ ಆಯುಕ್ತರು (ಆಡಳಿತ)
ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು
DIPR/MYS/KAVITA/1265/23-24

## A slippery slope

### Tourism in wildlife parks should not be at odds with conservation efforts

The Supreme Court of India has come down heavily on the Uttarakhand government for the felling of about 6,000 trees in the Jim Corbett National Park. That forest officials and a top politician in the State connived to vastly expand the scope of a tiger safari in the park precincts was a travesty of conservation practices, according to the Court. In the judgment by a three-judge Bench, Justice B.R. Gavai observed, "The presence of tigers in the forests is an indicator of the well-being of the ecosystem. Unless steps are taken for the protection of tigers, the ecosystem which revolves around tigers cannot be protected... Events like illegal construction and illicit felling of trees like the one in Corbett cannot be ignored." The link between political corruption and environmental damage is especially relevant in this case as the Court's judgment has consequences for the management of wildlife parks, particularly on the question of whether 'tiger safaris' in the buffer and fringe zones of wildlife parks gel well with conservation measures. The Court also alluded to various resorts in the vicinity of the park that often played loud music and posed a threat to animals.

Both the Central Zoo Authority and the National Tiger Conservation Authority are expert bodies affiliated to the Union Environment Ministry, and tasked with the conservation and protection of wild animals. These organisations, in principle, have no objection to the existence of tiger safaris, provided these are conducted within the ambit of an array of guidelines. Wildlife safaris in a designated spot draw attention away from the core zones of the forest and hence promote its inviolate nature as well as raise public awareness about conservation. This is the underlying rationale for safaris. Their overarching aim, thus, ought to be eco-tourism and not commercial tourism. However, in recent times, the argument that this could be a source of employment opportunities for locals, and that State governments should be promoting this, has been gaining ground. The recent translocation of cheetahs from Africa to Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh, also aims to revive the cat's presence and promote tourism. This, however, is a slippery slope and can very easily lead to political capture, as the proceedings in the Corbett Park demonstrate. The Court has recommended that the Centre evolve guidelines on the conduct of safaris and the government would do well to deliver on this at the earliest and be extremely circumspect on its messaging regarding tourism and conservation.

## Troubled waters

### China should adopt dialogue to resolve disputes with neighbours

Tensions between China and the Philippines soared on Tuesday after Manila spoke of China's "reckless and illegal" actions in the South China Sea, blocking its resupply mission. According to the Philippine Coast Guard, its boats were stopped near Second Thomas Shoal, where a group of sailors have been living on board a warship that was sunk by the Philippine forces 25 years ago to reinforce their sovereignty claims. One of the Philippines's boats suffered "minor structural damage" in the incident, the Coast Guard said. There have been repeated incidents between Chinese and Philippine Coast Guards in the South China Sea. In September last year, Philippine forces removed a 300-metre floating barrier installed by China near the disputed Scarborough Shoal, which triggered a warning from Beijing. In Tuesday's incident, China blamed the Philippines, saying its ships had illegally intruded into the waters around the Shoal. The source of the problem is contesting claims. China claims almost all of the South China Sea. It seized Scarborough Shoal, a triangular reef encircling a resource-rich lagoon, from the Philippines in 2012. Manila got a favourable ruling from the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague over the Shoal but Beijing ignored it. The Philippines sends regular resupplies to Second Thomas Shoal, known as Ren'ai Jiao in China, which lies about 200 km from the Philippine island of Palawan. But in recent months, activities by Chinese vessels around the Shoal have enhanced tensions.

What is adding to the tensions is the overall deterioration in ties between the two countries. When China took over the Scarborough Shoal, the Philippines was cautious not to provoke its giant neighbour further. Rodrigo Duterte, the former President, constantly tried to play down tensions, but President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., who assumed office in June 2022, took a different approach. He strengthened the Philippines's strategic and defence cooperation with the U.S., angering Beijing. The U.S. now has access to nine Philippine military bases, and last year, Manila hosted its largest military exercise with the U.S. In the long term, Mr. Marcos Jr. wants to bolster the Philippines's defence capabilities and strengthen its strategic standing in the region, while in the short term, he seems ready to stand up to China's coercive moves to protect his country's sovereignty claims. On the other side, China sees the growing U.S.-Philippines ties as a key challenge and has accused Washington of using Manila as a "pawn". But China should realise that its sweeping unilateral claims over the South China sea and coercive steps towards its neighbours are not winning it any friends in the region. Instead, Beijing should opt for benign engagement and dialogue to address the disputes in one of the busiest waters in the world.

# A bold step towards a cervical cancer-free future

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As the world observes International Women's Day, India's interim Union Budget 2024-25 has emerged as a beacon of hope, particularly in the realm of women's health. The Narendra Modi government's support in encouraging the vaccination of girls (from nine to 14 years) against cervical cancer stands out as a pivotal move towards safeguarding women's well-being.

**The '90-70-90' targets, global programmes**

Despite advances in health care, cervical cancer remains the second most common cancer among women in India, with 1.27 lakh cases and around 80,000 deaths being reported annually. Human papillomavirus (HPV) is a primary culprit in the development of cervical cancer. In response to this pressing public health challenge, HPV vaccination emerged as a cornerstone of a comprehensive strategy for disease prevention and health promotion. The World Health Organization has outlined the '90-70-90' targets by 2030 – for 90% of girls to be fully vaccinated with the HPV vaccine by age 15, for 70% of women to undergo cervical cancer screening tests by the age of 35 and 45, and for 90% of women with cervical cancer to be treated. These targets represent milestones in the global effort to eradicate cervical cancer and highlight the pivotal role of India's call for HPV vaccination in achieving this goal.

Across the world, over 100 countries have implemented HPV vaccination programmes, resulting in a notable decline in the incidence of cervical cancer. A study out of Scotland illuminates the real-world impact of HPV vaccines. The findings show that there have been no reported cases of cervical cancer among women born between 1988 and 1996 who received full HPV vaccination between the ages of 12 and 13. Australia, which initiated HPV vaccination for girls in 2007 and expanded to include boys in 2013, is poised to eliminate cervical cancer by 2035.

Similarly, the successful HPV vaccination campaign in Rwanda, Africa, has significantly reduced the prevalence of vaccine-targeted HPV types, particularly among women who participated in their catch-up programme in 2011. These global success stories underscore the importance of prioritising vaccination for tackling cervical cancer.

Closer to home, six out of the 11 South East Asia Region countries have introduced the HPV vaccine nationwide, i.e., Bhutan, Indonesia, the Maldives, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, and Thailand. Bhutan was the first low-middle income country (LMIC) to introduce a nationwide HPV vaccination programme for girls (12 to 18 years) in 2010 and achieved an initial coverage of 95% of targeted girls. Bhutan is also one of the only LMICs to have begun vaccinating boys as well (in 2021). Ongoing programme assessments and research in Thimphu have observed a reduction in the prevalence of HPV types targeted by the vaccine, indicating the programme's broader impact on reducing HPV transmission in the community.

The push for HPV vaccination for girls, in the 2024-25 interim Budget, marks a new era in women's health in India

**The Sikkim model**

The key to the success of any vaccination campaign is a robust communication strategy that educates and empowers communities. Within India, Sikkim's exemplary approach to HPV vaccination is an example of an effective public health strategy. Through targeted efforts to educate teachers, parents, girls, health-care workers, and the media about the benefits of the HPV vaccine, Sikkim achieved vaccination coverage of 97% during its campaign rollout in 2018. It provides a compelling example of effective communication and outreach. This rigorous effort has not only dispelled myths and misconceptions but has also fostered trust and confidence in the vaccination process.

India's recent milestone in developing its indigenous quadrivalent vaccine, Cervavac, marks a significant stride towards ensuring accessibility and affordability. Developed by the Serum Institute of India in collaboration with the Department of Biotechnology, and priced at ₹2,000 a dose, Cervavac is cheaper than available vaccines, and holds promise in the fight against HPV infections and cervical cancer.

Whenever India plans to expand its vaccination programme, there is also an opportunity to include adolescent boys, thereby maximising the impact of HPV vaccination in preventing HPV transmission and HPV-related diseases. Also, in line with recent evidence, it has been recognised that one dose of HPV vaccine provides similar protection to that provided by two or three doses.

Drawing inspiration from global and local triumphs, India is ready to make significant strides in combating cervical cancer through HPV vaccination. India's track record in vaccination campaigns, exemplified by the widespread acceptance and coverage of the COVID-19 vaccine, instils confidence in the feasibility of scaling up HPV vaccination efforts. India's ability to reach remote and underserved populations highlights the inclusivity and accessibility of its vaccination programmes, laying a solid foundation for the success of the HPV vaccination initiative.

The importance of HPV vaccination extends beyond individual health outcomes. It has the potential to alleviate the societal and economic burden of cervical cancer. Cervical cancer predominantly strikes women during their prime years, exerting a profound toll on both their families and communities. Premature deaths of young mothers due to cervical cancer negatively impact health and education outcomes in children. By preventing HPV infections, vaccination diminishes the occurrence of cervical cancer and its associated health-care expenses, ultimately fostering the overall welfare and productivity of women.

**Meet the challenges**

However, challenges persist, particularly in addressing vaccine hesitancy and ensuring equitable access to HPV vaccination. To overcome these hurdles, concerted efforts are needed to engage communities, dispel misinformation, and strengthen health-care infrastructure. The interim Budget also announced the rollout of U-WIN throughout the country. U-WIN, like Co-WIN that was designed to track the COVID-19 vaccination campaign, is a portal that will maintain an electronic registry of all immunisations across the country and enable vaccination programmes to be responsive in real time.

On the supply side, ensuring access to vaccination services is imperative, particularly in underserved populations. And to improve demand among the community, awareness must be improved. Vaccine hesitancy, fuelled by myths and misinformation, poses a significant barrier to the acceptance of HPV vaccines across different regions. Cultural and societal norms are also a factor, highlighting the importance of tailoring messages to resonate with diverse communities. Utilising diverse channels such as social media and community workshops can amplify reach. Including HPV information in health education in schools can be a step to generate demand among adolescents.

Collaborations between government agencies, community partners, health-care providers, and civil society organisations will be instrumental in building trust and ensuring the success of HPV vaccination programmes. We can build upon our experiences of the successful nationwide rollout of COVID-19 vaccines amidst a landscape of pervasive digital and mass misinformation. Moreover, public-private partnerships are instrumental in ensuring equitable access to vaccination services, thereby advancing the collective goal of safeguarding women's health against cervical cancer.

Thus, India's inclusion of HPV vaccination in the interim Union Budget 2024-25 heralds a new era in women's health.

# The determinant in 'more women in the job market'

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There is growing demand from social scientists, governments and international organisations, such as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, that women's participation in the economy/labour market should increase to promote economic growth of India. It is believed that when women's participation rate, which is one of the lowest in Asia, increases, it will bring prosperity to the Indian economy.

**Key factor of patriarchy**

Why is women's participation in the labour market in India so low?

Though there are various explanations such as low human capital, and even discrimination against women, the root cause is patriarchy, which is a social system marked by the supremacy of the father/man in the family, community and society. As Marina Watanabe says, patriarchy is "a social structural phenomenon in which males have the privilege of dominance over females". This supremacy is manifested: in values, attitudes, and customs in the society; in ownership of assets, incomes and wealth; and in institutes and organisations that govern our society and economy. With economic growth and increasing education, the strength of patriarchy has perhaps declined in some ways. However, the overall culture of male dominance over women has not changed much in our traditional society.

Under patriarchy, men are considered to be the breadwinners and women are expected to be the homemakers. That is, women are responsible for household upkeep, and for providing care to the child and those who are old, sick and the disabled in the family. Even when there is hired help, it is the woman who is responsible for household upkeep and care.

Though performed with love, this work of women is inferior work for several reasons. This work is unpaid and invisible as time use data are not available on a regular basis in India, and, therefore, not covered under national policies. It is repetitive (performed every day) and boring. There is no upward mobility, and, therefore, a dead-end job. There is no retirement and no pension. This implies that a significant part of the total labour force available to the economy is locked up in low productivity and inferior kind of work, which is performed mainly by women. Women perform this work not necessarily by free choice or by any particular efficiency in this work but because it is largely imposed on women as a social construct. As this work is outside the purview of economic policies, the drudgery of work, the time stress, technology and low productivity of this type of work and working conditions of workers are outside the purview of policy making. This is unjust, unfair, and unacceptable.

India raising the participation rate of well-educated women in the labour market could also lead to a huge army of exploited domestic workers

As a result, many women do not enter the labour market due to their high domestic responsibilities. When the others enter the labour market, they enter with domestic responsibilities on their shoulders, implying that there is no level playing field for them from the beginning. Again, they usually have lower human capital (thanks to social norms); restricted mobility due to their domestic responsibilities.

Therefore, their choice is gendered in the labour market. They tend to prefer work that is close to home, part time or flexible work, and which has a safe work environment. Consequently, they overcrowd in stereotyped low productivity jobs and lag behind men in all average labour market outcomes such as participation, wages, and diversification of work. This is clearly not the optimum use of women labour power in the economy. Therefore, women's participation in the labour market must be raised.

**Greater participation, but also exploitation**

As women with higher education and professional qualifications in India tend to participate more in the labour market, it is argued by experts that greater women's education will raise their participation rate in the labour market.

However, this is only half truth, as this increase in participation is backed by an army of domestic workers, who are known to be highly exploited in the Indian economy.

Women's participation in the labour market can increase at all levels mainly by reducing their burden of unpaid domestic work and care by reducing the drudgery/strain of work or improving productivity of women's work (for example, providing fuel-efficient stoves in cooking in place of primitive stoves that use fuel wood); by providing infrastructural support to reduce the burden of their work (for example, water supply at the doorstep); by shifting a part of unpaid work to the mainstream economy (for example, child care, disabled care, care of the old can be provided by the government, the market or by civil society organisations to the mainstream economy).

The burden of unpaid domestic work on women can also be reduced by redistributing this work to other household members, mainly men. These steps will release women from the burden of unpaid work to a significant extent and give them free time to acquire higher education and new skills, or to participate in productive work in the labour market.

**Address the issue of subordination**

If we want not only women's participation but also gender equality in the labour market, households will have to provide equal opportunities to men and women within the household, i.e., by sharing the "inferior work", or unpaid domestic work and care by men and women. However, irrespective of sharing, what is critical is removing the subordination of women in the household by sharing the responsibility of unpaid household work by men and women.

On hired domestic workers, there is an International Labour Organization Convention that provides minimum basic rights to domestic workers in the world. These include a weekly day off, limited hours of work, overtime compensation, minimum wages and minimum social security. It is unfortunate that India has not even ratified this Convention. If India raises the participation rate of (well-educated) women in the labour market along with a rapid increase in the size of domestic workers, the gains in terms of economic growth will be lost as it will create a huge army of highly exploited domestic workers also.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Even at Jim Corbett...**

Jim Corbett National Park is the most prominent and internationally well-known tiger reserve. That it would be well protected from encroachments and other illegal activities is a given. But if this national park of international importance could be encroached upon so audaciously and converted into commercial property in the name of eco-tourism, by felling as many as 6,000 trees, one shudders to think about the fate of other reserve forests around the country (Page 1, "Trees in Corbett fell prey to greedy nexus, says SC", March 7). Eco-tourism has become a convenient avenue for the veiled encroachment of forest lands, the developing of commercial properties and the plundering of natural resources. Forests are already dwindling at an alarming rate for developmental purposes such as highways. Elephant corridors are being obliterated, causing much distress to the great animal and forcing animal-human conflicts. It is incumbent on the authorities to protect at least the reserve forests and parks earmarked for the conservation of habitats.

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**Exoneration**

The public reposing its faith and confidence in the judiciary is clear in the acquittal of Professor G.N. Saibaba and five others (Editorial, March 7). But can anyone recompense the trials and tribulations which they had to undergo in their long incarceration? The conflicting and confusing judgments in this case leave one flabbergasted. Incidentally, one wonders how a wheelchair-bound person can go to the extent of indulging in activities that are inimical to his country.

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# Fall and rise in women's work participation

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Arguably, the debate around trends in Indian women's employment is only outclassed by a similar one regarding trends in poverty. Unfortunately, the scrutiny of the measurement of poverty is not matched by similarly close attention to the measurement of employment.

The broad contours of the debate, mainly relying on data from the National Sample Surveys (NSS) and Periodic Labour Force Surveys (PLFS), are the following: the work participation rate for women ages 15 and above fluctuated around 42% between 1993-94 and 2004-05, declined to 28% in 2011-12, and plummeted to 22% in 2017-18. From 2017, it miraculously surged, and reached 36% in 2022-23.

**Two contrasting narratives**

In an era of heightened politicisation of statistics, these observations became a ping-pong between pessimists and optimists. The pessimistic story explained the decline in women's work participation as a sign of declining job availability and later increase as a sign of poverty. The optimistic story painted the initial decline as a sign of growing prosperity, allowing women to focus on their families, and the surge as a sign of increasing job opportunities. Others have tried to see this as a natural transformation of the economy chronicled by Claudia Goldin's famous U-shaped curve where women are displaced from the labour market as the agricultural workforce moves to industrial employment, with female employment rebounding with the service economy again making space for them.

We must examine the foundation of these narratives. We see a striking trend when we break down the 25-59-year-old women's work participation into three categories: self-employment in agriculture, self-employment in other activities, mainly in petty manufacturing or shopkeeping, and wage and salaried work in manual or white-collar work.

Women's work on family farms dropped from 23% to 10% between 1993 and 2017. During the era of increasing employment, the work on family farms bounced back to 23%, thus more than doubling in the last five years. Wage labour and self-employment in non-farm work remained more or less steady at 14-16% and 5-6%, respectively, although we see a slight upward trend in wage employment in recent years. So, most of the changes are driven by the ebbing and flowing tide of women's work on family farms.

Before we start spinning tales to explain these trends, let us explore the challenges faced by our labour force surveys, which try to pigeon-hole women who raise both chickens and children. NSS and PLFS surveys ask interviewers to fill out a grid containing brief descriptions such as "usual principal activity" and "whether engaged in any work in a subsidiary capacity."

But questions about principal and subsidiary activity status are alien for rural women whose day is full of demands for bathing and feeding children, fetching water, washing cattle, harvesting grains, and making pickles for sale. The interviewer's job is to provide context and ask questions that elicit information about the key indicators of interest. For example, a study by the National Council of Applied Economic Research traced the impact of question-wording on women's work participation rate. Women's work participation was initially measured using NSS-style questions and later through probing questions. This increased the rural women's work participation rate from 28% to 44% for the same women. Most of the omissions were of women who were self-employed in agriculture and animal care.

Historically, these challenges were addressed by relying on trained and experienced field investigators who learned to interpret their questions, keeping local conditions in mind. However, India's once-vaunted statistical system has been in crisis. As Pramit Bhattacharya noted, until the late 1990s, interviewers were regular employees recruited locally. Since then, supervisors have been centrally recruited and often posted in areas they may not be familiar with, and interviewers are short-term contractual workers hired locally. This has led to a steep decline in quality, culminating in the government disputing the quality of the NSS consumption expenditure survey in 2017-18. A recognition of the declining quality of NSS surveys may have led to increasing attention to data quality, as evidenced by the increase in the strength of subordinate statistical services from 2,181 officers in 2009-10 to 3,121 in 2019-20. This suggests that increased attention to capturing women's work on family farms rather than an actual increase in farm work accounts for the doubling of women farmers over a short period of five years.

**The counterargument**

A counterargument might be that this increase is due to economic shifts, particularly men's movement out of agriculture, creating space for women. Yet, a modest decline in male self-employment in farming, from 33% to 25%, occurred between 2004-05 and 2017-18, when the female work participation rate also declined. Since then, the proportion of men classified as farmers/family helpers has increased slightly, accompanied by a much more significant increase for women.

Instead of debating the cause of the fall and the rise in the proportion of women farmers and family helpers, attention needs to focus on the relative stagnation in the proportion of women who are wage workers (around 16%) and owners/family helpers of small businesses (around 6%) and seek to expand women's opportunities outside of agriculture, which is generally better paying.

Instead of debating the cause of the fall and the rise in the proportion of women farmers and family helpers, we should look to expand women's opportunities outside of agriculture, which are better paying

# The burden of women in construction

## How the construction sector can absorb more women, especially migrants

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Low female labour force participation remains a pressing concern in India. Even among women who are employed, it is imperative that we ask how they fare in their sector of employment, in terms of the quality of employment, which includes parameters such as skill development and training, social protection, work-life balance, income, and employment security.

One sector that is often overlooked in discussions on women's employment is construction, which is traditionally seen as a male-dominated sector in most parts of the world. In India, the construction sector is one of the largest employers of the migrant female labour force, especially those from Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe households. In several parts of the country, especially in seasons when agricultural work is scarce, the construction industry becomes a vital source of employment for women.

We reflect on the quality of women's employment in the construction sector by combining data from a sub-sample of women workers in the 2019 Time Use Survey (TUS) with insights from ongoing primary research at construction sites. Analysing quantitative data from the TUS alongside qualitative primary data helps us scrutinise and understand not just how much time women spend on paid work but also the nature of their work in particular sectors. Subsequently, it can help identify potential interventions to enhance conditions of work and the overall quality of work.

According to TUS data, women in the construction sector spend an average of 483

minutes per day on paid employment, 240 minutes on unpaid domestic work, and an additional 111 minutes on childcare. Furthermore, about 18% reported performing simultaneous activities, that is, engaging in more than one activity in a 10-minute time slot.

Simultaneity stems from the disproportionate amount of time women spend on unpaid domestic work and unpaid childcare in addition to time spent on paid employment. There are several examples of this. For instance, women breastfeed or tend to their children while also carrying a bag of cement on their shoulders. This is the only way they can accomplish both tasks, given the long hours of paid work and the burden of domestic chores and childcare. In resource-constrained housing for construction workers, social protection measures such as availability of childcare at the workplace can provide critical support in reducing women's burden of unpaid childcare responsibilities.

The TUS also suggests that 84% of women engage in multiple activities. This is defined as engaging in more than one activity in a 30-minute time slot, with each activity being done for at least 10 minutes. On average, they engage in seven such multiple activity slots in a single day. Our primary research shows that employers in the construction sector often break down tasks to circumvent minimum wage requirements, forcing women to undertake multiple tasks throughout the day to meet minimum wage thresholds. These include menial tasks with quick turnarounds such as moving bricks, mixing, and sifting sand and cement throughout the day. These tasks, though considered unskilled, are extremely laborious and usually without safety equipment. Women are often paid by piece or the quantum of work completed. This means that these tasks necessitate women to do high-intensity work within short durations.

With greater use of technology and automation, many of these tasks may become redundant, potentially reducing opportunities for women. While skilling is critical to seek and sustain better forms of work in the industry, employers remain hesitant to train women, assuming they are incapable of operating equipment and machinery. Skilled work is critical for achieving better quality of work and improving wages for women in this sector.

Construction is among the fastest-growing sectors, employing approximately 4% of the female labour force in rural and urban areas. With better provisioning of social protection, skills training, and improved workplace safety, it has the potential to absorb a significant portion of the female labour force, especially migrant women, into productive paid work.

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# Bridging the gender gap in health research

## By prioritising women's health, we can create a future where health equity is a reality

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As of 2023, there were 4 billion women in the world, accounting for approximately 49.75% of the population. Despite this, it is unfortunate that our approach to health and well-being has been shadowed by a deep-seated gender bias. For far too long, women's health has been confined to gynaecological and reproductive issues.

Moreover, the historical bias in medical research, favouring the male body as the standard, has resulted in dire consequences. Women face disproportionate risks in various health domains, from disability and obesity to cardiovascular health. Additionally, systemic biases in data collection perpetuate these disparities, leading to misdiagnoses, ineffective treatments, and unnecessary suffering. On this International Women's Day, we must scrutinise the path towards gender parity, especially within healthcare.

The recently released World Economic Forum's report, 'Closing the Women's Health Gap', underscored the profound disparity between men's and women's health worldwide. It elucidated historical neglect in women's health research, funding, and policymaking, and highlighted the need for a global effort to address the women's health gap by urging governments, the private sector, and civil society to realign their strategies with a gender-sensitive approach. A definitive, oft-reiterated point is that by prioritising women's health, we can create a future where health equity is a reality. Likewise, in India, several research studies have observed that many Indians have genetic variations that make them more susceptible to certain diseases. For example, Indians have higher levels of insulin resistance than Caucasians, which is a major reason for the increased prevalence of type 2 diabetes in this population.

Therefore, regarding health research, to effect meaningful change, we must undertake concrete actions. First, we need to champion the analysis of gender differences in clinical trials. Going forward, it is imperative that all clinical trials diligently analyse and report gender-specific findings to tailor treatments effectively. Second, we must advocate for including gender differences on drug labels, including information on safe use during pregnancy. Empowering healthcare providers and patients with this information enhances treatment decisions and fosters a more inclusive healthcare landscape. Third, we must prioritise the recruitment of women in clinical trials. Ensuring adequate representation is not just a matter of fairness but a necessity to understand treatment efficacy across diverse populations. Fourth, it is imperative that we delve into data with a gender lens. By dissecting data through the prism of gender, we uncover nuances crucial for refining healthcare strategies. This could be different patterns of disease, divergent responses to treatment, and different safety profiles. Finally, it is important to embrace precise terminology on sex and gender. Clear and accurate language fosters understanding and inclusivity, laying the foundation for more effective healthcare communication.

It's equally crucial to encourage the participation of more women in the research and scientific arenas. The unique insights and experiences women bring can enrich our understanding and approach to health challenges, fostering a more inclusive, women-centric perspective in research. Women's inclusion is essential in dismantling the one-size-fits-all approach that has dominated medical research, allowing for the development of more nuanced, effective healthcare solutions that benefit everyone.

Above all, it is vital to note that these actions are not just about ticking boxes; they're about building a future where healthcare truly serves everyone with compassion, insight, and equity.

Good health is a fundamental human right. It is time to dismantle the invisible barriers hindering equitable healthcare access. By bridging the gender gap in health research and practice, we pave the way for a future founded on equality and fairness. This issue transcends gender –it is about reshaping healthcare systems to serve everyone equitably and effectively.

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**PICTURE OF THE WEEK**

## Celebrations in full swing

Children enjoy themselves at Jalaripeta, a fishing colony, on the eve of Mahashivratri, in Visakhapatnam. K.R. DEEPAK

**FROM THE ARCHIVES** The Hindu.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO** MARCH 8, 1974

### T.T. Krishnamachari dead

Madras, March 7: We record with profound regret the death of Mr. T.T. Krishnamachari, former Union Finance Minister, at his son's residence in Santhome to-day. He was 74. Mr. Krishnamachari, who recovered from a serious illness in May last, was suffering from acute kidney failure since Saturday. Despite doctors' best efforts, his condition worsened yesterday and the end came at 12-55 p.m. to-day. He is survived by three sons.

His body was cremated in the evening with police honours at the Mylapore crematorium.

During the last four days when Mr. Krishnamachari had been seriously ill, Mr. Kamaraj spent most of his time at his bedside.

Close friends and relatives of Mr. Krishnamachari had been keeping a round the clock vigil and during the last hours, they arranged for playing of records of Vishnu Sahasranamam and Purusha Suktham, the divine hymns which he loved to hear.

Within minutes after Mr. Krishnamachari's death, a large number of his friends called at his house. The Governor, Mr. K.K. Shah, the Chief Minister, Mr. M. Karunanidhi, the Education Minister, Mr. V.R. Nedunchezhian, the ADMK General Secretary, Mr. M.G. Ramachandran, the TNCC-O President, Mr. P. Ramachandran, the TNCC President, Mr. V. Ramiah, representatives of trade and business organisations, officials of the Central and State governments and consular representatives came to pay their last respects.

**A HUNDRED YEARS AGO** MARCH 8, 1924

### Recognition of Mexico

Leafield, Oxford (Mid), March 8: Senoor Neito, Mexican Minister to Sweden, has just returned to Stockholm after a visit to London. While here he had conversations with the Foreign Office on the subject of British claims against Mexican Government and he took opportunity to broach the question of British recognition of the Mexican Government. It was not found possible, however, by the Foreign Office to enter into any formal conversations with Sr. Neito on the question of recognition since Sr. Neito did not appear to be armed with the necessary powers. Sr. Neito's return to Sweden is not therefore to be regarded as indicating that the British Government has changed its attitude regarding the recognition of Obregon's Government.

## From Page One

## SC asks if the Speaker contradicted verdict

"The Speaker must not base his decision as to which group constitutes the political party on a blind appreciation of which group possesses a majority in the Legislative Assembly. This is not a game of numbers, but of something more. The structure of leadership outside the Legislative Assembly is a consideration which is relevant to the determination of this issue," Chief Justice Chandrachud had observed in the judgment.

The Constitution Bench had differentiated between the legislative wing, composed of the MLAs of the party, and the political wing of the party, made up of the cadre. It had held that the answer to which faction was the real party should be gleaned from the support from the political wing and not the numbers on the legislative side.

"A majority faction of the legislature party cannot be construed as the political party for the purposes of the Tenth Schedule," the May 11 judgment had noted.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, A.M. Singhvi and Devadutt Kamat said the Speaker had also stumbled by refusing to accept the 2018 Constitution of the Shiv Sena party, which appointed Mr. Thackeray as president.

"The 2018 Constitution was relied upon by the High Court and the Supreme Court. Nobody disputed it then. But the Speaker said he will not depend on this Constitution as it was not filed with the Election Commission of India. So, he went by a Constitution from 1999 when nobody had even talked about it," Mr. Sibal submitted.

Mr. Salve countered that the documents produced by the Thackeray camp before the Speaker had been "brazenly fabricated". He said that a similar case against the Speaker's decision of January 10 was pending in the Bombay High Court. He said the Thackeray camp could not file petitions in multiple courts at the same time over the same issue.

However, the Supreme Court decided to go ahead and list the case for further arguments in the week commencing April 8.

## SBI took the stand due to pressure from govt.: CPI(M)

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The Communist Party of India (Marxist) on Thursday called for protests against the State Bank India for failing to provide details about electoral bonds to the Election Commission (EC) by March 6, calling it an "obvious ploy" to keep the details hidden till the Lok Sabha election.

The Supreme Court on February 15 struck down as "unconstitutional and manifestly arbitrary" the electoral bonds scheme and directed the SBI to provide the details to the EC by March 6. The bank on Monday moved the top court seeking time till June 30 to comply with the direction.

"This is an obvious ploy to ensure that the details of electoral bonds are not made public till the elections are over. It is unbelievable that the SBI, whose operations are digitised, cannot compile all the relevant details of electoral bonds in a few days time," the CPI(M) Polit Bureau said in a statement.

It alleged that the SBI "could have taken this untenable stand only due to the pressure of the Modi government".

# Congress questions 'hide and seek' over electoral bonds data

Party criticises SBI for seeking more time from the SC to furnish details of bonds; it says PM is terrified of 'revealing his corporate donors to people'

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Hitting out at the State Bank of India (SBI) for seeking more time from the Supreme Court to disclose details on electoral bonds, the Congress on Thursday asserted that the bank's arguments were flawed, and alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was "absolutely terrified of revealing his corporate donors to people".

Asked to furnish data on the electoral bond scheme by March 6 by the Supreme Court, the SBI had approached the top court for time until June 30 to make the data available. "Hide and seek in New India: Nation seeks, Modi hides!," Congress general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh said in statement posted on social media platform X.

The former Union Minister said the SBI's request for extension was "conveniently timed for after the upcoming Lok Sabha elections". "The SBI's excuse was that its data on sale and encashment of electoral bonds is decoupled to maintain anonymity. According to the SBI, it would take months to match the buyers of the 22,217 electoral bonds issued since 2019 with the beneficiary parties. However, we know that each electoral bond was sold with two conditions - 1. Detailed Know Your Customer (KYC) exercise by the SBI branches to identify the buyer 2. Hidden serial numbers on the bonds," the Congress leader said.

**Hitting hard:** Former Union Minister Jairam Ramesh says the SBI's request for time until June 30 was 'conveniently timed'. FILE PHOTO

In 2018, the Congress leader claimed, the SBI was able to identify the number and date of purchase of expired bonds when a political party tried to encash these expired bonds.

"The man who famously said *na khaunga, na khaane dunga* [won't be corrupt nor allow corruption] is now insisting on *na bataunga, na dikhaunga* [won't tell, won't show]," Mr. Ramesh alleged.

## 'Political parties got 60% of funds from unknown sources'

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The vast majority of these funds went to the BJP.

Almost 60% of the funds received by political parties cannot be traced and come from "unknown" sources, including electoral bonds, according to a report by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR).

The ADR, which analysed the audit reports and the donations declared in statements filed by political parties with the Election Commission of India each year, said that between the financial years 2004-05 and 2022-23, the country's six national parties collected ₹19,083.08 crore from unknown sources.

At present, political parties are not required to reveal the names of individuals or organisations giving them less than ₹20,000. As a result, three-fifths of the funds received cannot be traced and are from 'unknown' sources, the report said.

Of the ₹3,076.88 crore declared as income by national parties in 2022-23, ₹1,832.87 crore – or more than 59% –came from unknown sources. Of this, the share of income from electoral bonds was ₹1,510.61 crore, or 82.42%.

The vast majority of these funds went to the BJP. During 2022-23, the ruling party declared ₹1,400.23 crore as its income from unknown sources. This amounts to 76.39% of the total income from unknown sources declared by all national parties; the other five national parties together have received only ₹432.63 crore from unknown sources.

The Congress came a distant second, claiming 17.19% of the national pie and declaring ₹315.11 crore as its income from unknown sources.

The other parties included in the ADR's analysis were the Communist Party of India (Marxist), the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), the Aam Aadmi Party, and the National People's Party.

## SC to hear contempt petition against SBI

The information and documents were scattered across its various branches and decoding them was tough and would take time.

Making an oral mentioning in court on Thursday, advocates Prashant Bhushan, Cherul D'souza and Neha Rathi, for the contempt petitioners, urged the court to list the contempt plea along with the SBI's application on Monday (March 11).

"Once it (contempt petition) is verified by the Registry, your junior can send an email. I will pass orders," Chief Justice Chandrachud told Mr. Bhushan.

The contempt petition said the bank was deliberately trying to ensure that details of donors and the amounts contributed to political parties anonymously were not disclosed to the public before the Lok Sabha elections due in April-May.

The petition said the bank's stand was directly contradictory to an affidavit filed by the Union Government on March 15, 2019, which said information about the bonds was completely traceable and quickly available.

The Centre's affidavit had said that the electoral bonds scheme envisaged a transparent system of acquiring bonds with validated KYC and audit trail. The SBI would record KYC, PAN, details of identity and address in full of all the donors.

"The SBI maintains a secret number-based record of donors who buy bonds and the political parties they donate to," the contempt petition submitted.

"A simple query on the database can generate a report in a particular format which does not require any manual verification," it said.

## Citizens have right to criticise revocation of Article 370, says SC

**Krishnadas Rajagopal**
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday quashed an FIR accusing a college professor in Maharashtra of spreading enmity and disharmony by terming the day of revocation of special status of Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 a "black day" and wishing "happy independence" to the people of Pakistan on a WhatsApp group of faculty and parents.

"Describing the day the abrogation happened as a 'Black Day' is an expression of protest and anguish. The right to dissent in a lawful manner must be treated as a part of the right to lead a dignified and meaningful life guaranteed by Article 21," Justice A.S. Oka, heading a Division Bench, observed in the judgment.

Justice Oka said a "simple protest" registered by Professor Javed Ahmed Hajam against the decision to revoke Article 370 cannot be used by the police to lodge a case under Section 153A (promoting enmity among different classes of people) of the Indian Penal Code.

To invoke Section 153A, he said, there should have been an intention to promote feelings of enmity or hatred among different classes of people. The provision should not be used to silence dissent, it noted.

"The Constitution guarantees freedom of speech and expression. Every citizen has the right to offer criticism of the action of abrogation of Article 370 or, for that matter, every decision of the state. He has the right to say he is unhappy with any decision of the state," he asserted.

## J&K resident designated terrorist under UAPA

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The Union Home Ministry on Thursday designated Mohammad Qasim Gujjar, a 32-year-old resident of Reasi in Jammu and Kashmir, an individual terrorist under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), 1967. It said that Gujjar is a member of the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), a banned terrorist outfit.

The Ministry said in a notification that Gujjar is an individual with an intention to wage war against the country, and is involved in terrorist activities, which include "coordinating, supplying, identifying locations of drones for dropping of arms, ammunition, improvised explosive device and cash and delivering and managing consignments from across the border."

## Cabinet approves 4% hike in DA for Central government employees and pensioners

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

**The hike will be four percentage points over the existing rate of 46% of the basic pay or pension**

The Union Cabinet, which met here on Thursday, decided to release an additional instalment of Dearness Allowance (DA) to Central government employees and Dearness Relief (DR) to pensioners with effect from January 1.

The increase will be four percentage points over the existing rate of 46% of the basic pay/ pension, to compensate against price rise, the government said. Other allowances, including house rent allowance, canteen allowance and deputation allowance, will also be increased subsequently.

**Beneficial for lakhs**

Talking to presspersons after the meeting, Union Minister Piyush Goyal said the combined impact on the exchequer on account of both DA and DR would be ₹12,868.72 crore per annum. "This will benefit about 49.18 lakh Central government employees and 67.95 lakh pensioners," he said.

Mr. Goyal said the increase is in accordance with the accepted formula, based on the recommendations of the Seventh Central Pay Commission. Ahead of the Lok Sabha elections, major unions of Central government employees have decided to go on an indefinite strike demanding implementation of the old pension scheme. Employees had also taken out rallies asking the Centre to address the anomalies in promotions, pension, and salaries.

This financial year, the Centre will spend ₹15,014 crore towards the payment of additional DA.

**Other allowances**

Mr. Goyal added that transport allowance, canteen allowance, and deputation allowance will also be increased by 25%.

House rent allowance has been raised from 27%, 19%, and 9% of the basic pay to 30%, 20%, and 10%, respectively.

Benefits under gratuity will also be increased by 25%, with an increased ceiling of ₹25 lakh from the existing ₹20 lakh. For this, the government may have to fund ₹9,400 crore annually.

## Kashmiris 'breathing freely' now, says Modi

**Warm welcome:** L-G Manoj Sinha presents a memento to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Srinagar. NISSAR AHMAD

"Kashmir is touching new heights of progress and prosperity after the revocation of Article 370. Locals are able to breathe free. This *azadi* [freedom] has come after Article 370's removal. For decades, the Congress and its allies misled the people of J&K as well as the country about Article 370," the Prime Minister said. "This is the new Kashmir we all were awaiting for decades. This is the new Kashmir for which Shyama Prasad Mukherjee sacrificed his life," he told the crowd, claiming that over one lakh people were attending the event.

Mr. Modi announced ₹5,000 crore worth of schemes for the farming sector and promised to increase cold storages and warehouses in the Union Territory.

Speaking on the occasion, J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha highlighted the developmental initiatives taken up in Kashmir after the revocation of Article 370.

## 'Employees were forced to attend Modi's Srinagar rally'

**The Hindu Bureau**
SRINAGAR

J&K's former Chief Ministers Mehbooba Mufti and Omar Abdullah on Thursday claimed that the J&K Lieutenant-Governor's administration "forced" government employees to attend the public rally of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Srinagar's Bakshi Stadium and Kashmir International Convention Centre.

Ms. Mufti, president of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), claimed the government employees were herded at 5 a.m. into vehicles, ferrying them to the PM's rally.

"Disheartening to see employees being forcibly mobilised to paint a pretty picture that all is well post 2019," Ms. Mufti said.

# It is a wonder that I came out of jail alive, says G.N. Saibaba

**Abhinay Deshpande**
MUMBAI

Former Delhi University Professor G.N. Saibaba on Thursday said it was only by chance that he had come out alive despite experiencing "brutal" jail life. He was speaking to presspersons after being released from the Nagpur Central Jail.

The Nagpur Bench of the Bombay High Court on March 5 set aside his life sentence in a Maoist links case, citing the failure of the prosecution to prove charges beyond reasonable doubt and deeming the sanction for prosecution under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act as "null and void".

Professor Saibaba, who had been lodged in jail since 2017 after a trial court in Gadchiroli convicted him and others in the case, expressed concern about his health and the need for medical treatment upon his release.

**Sigh of relief:** Former Delhi University Professor G.N. Saibaba with his wife during a press conference after he was released. PTI

"My health is very bad. I can't talk. I will have to first take medical treatment," he said. A family member awaited Professor Saibaba outside the jail premises.

The 57-year-old wheelchair-bound professor earlier refused to speak to the media about his eight years of incarceration. However, he changed his mind after requests from lawyers and presspersons.

Describing prison life as "very rigorous and brutal", he said: "There was every chance that I would not have come out alive. I had no accessibility inside the prison."

He asked who would give him back the years spent in jail.

## Centre extends Ujjwala subsidy by another year

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Weeks ahead of the Lok Sabha elections, the Union Cabinet on Thursday decided to extend the subsidy of ₹300 per LPG cylinder for up to 12 refills per year till the end of next financial year. About 10.27 crore beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) will be covered by the scheme, said Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal after the meeting of the Cabinet. The total expenditure for the continuation of the scheme will be ₹12,000 crore.

The Centre had started a targeted subsidy of ₹200 per cylinder for up to 12 refills per annum to the PMUY consumers in May 2022. In October 2023, the Centre increased the subsidy to ₹300 per cylinder for up to 12 refills per annum.


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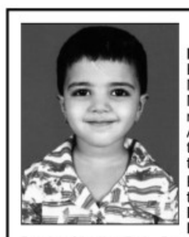

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## Sukhu hints at reconciliation with six rebel Cong. MLAs

**The Hindu Bureau**
CHANDIGARH

Amid turmoil within the Congress in Himachal Pradesh, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Thursday travelled to New Delhi to meet the party's Central leadership.

He also hinted at reconciliation with the six rebel Congress MLAs who have been disqualified from the State Legislative Assembly.

"If anyone has committed a mistake but mends their ways, then there's always an option to talk, and all possibilities could be worked out," Mr. Sukhu told presspersons in Shimla.

Sources in the party said that Mr. Sukhu is expected to meet Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge and other leaders to discuss the situation in the State.

# Rahul likely to seek re-election from Wayanad; Cong. list expected today

Party's poll committee holds first meeting, where candidates for the northeastern States, Kerala, Karnataka, Telangana were discussed; Tharoor may be fielded again from Thiruvananthapuram, where he has won three consecutive LS elections

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The Congress's top election body is said to have cleared the candidature of party leader Rahul Gandhi for the Wayanad constituency in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. Sources also said that Shashi Tharoor would be again fielded from Thiruvananthapuram, where he has won three consecutive Lok Sabha elections. There is, however, no official announcement from the party.

The party's Central Election Committee (CEC) met on Thursday evening to discuss the first batch of names. Sources indicated that several names had been cleared and the first list could be released on Friday.

**Deliberations on:** Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge with leaders Sonia Gandhi and K.C. Venugopal in New Delhi on Thursday. PTI

The discussion focused on candidates for the northeastern States, Kerala, Karnataka, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, and Delhi. The Kerala unit, in fact, had proposed the names of all MPs.

Apart from Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge, the meeting was attended by party leaders Sonia Gandhi, K.C. Venugopal and others. Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and senior leaders Bhupesh Baghel and Ramesh Chennithala were also invited. Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy joined the call at 9.30 p.m.

While names for most of the seats from Karnataka are said to have been cleared, a decision on four or five seats has been put on hold. A few seats from Telangana are also to be decided. For Chhattisgarh, the names of several senior leaders are said to have been cleared, including that of Mr. Baghel, Tamradhwaj Sahu, Jyotsna Mahant ,and Shiv Dahariya.

Responding to queries from reporters on whether he would contest, Chhattisgarh in-charge Sachin Pilot said that the candidates would be decided according to the winnability criteria. "Whichever person is in a position to win the election, will be asked by the party to contest and the last call lies with the CEC," he said.

If Mr. Gandhi returns to contest the Wayanad seat, he will be facing senior Communist Party of India (CPI) leader Annie Raja.

The Left has been running a campaign to dissuade Mr. Gandhi from candidature in Wayanad, saying that it would send a confused message to the electorate, as Mr. Gandhi is leading the anti-BJP battle but would primarily contest against the CPI instead of a face-off with the BJP.

# Odisha turncoats in a spot over possible BJP-BJD alliance

NEWS ANALYSIS

**Satyasundar Barik**
BHUBANESWAR

**In the negotiations over seats between the two parties, they might find themselves overlooked**

At a time when the announcement of a formal alliance between the BJP and the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) in Odisha appears imminent, leaders who switched sides to the saffron camp from the regional party find themselves in a tight spot. They fear being sidelined in the discussions over seat allocation for the elections.

Recently, four MLAs, all formerly associated with the BJD, and over 10 former MLAs, had joined the BJP, anticipating that the party would mount a serious challenge against the regional party. They harboured hopes of contesting the elections on BJP ticket.

Pradeep Panigrahi, the MLA representing Gopalpur in Ganjam district, was seen as a valuable acquisition for the BJP. Once a trusted ally of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, he held the responsibility of representing Mr. Patnaik in his Hinjili constituency. Mr. Panigrahi also served as the BJD's Ganjam president. Ganjam is the home district of the Chief Minister.

However, his standing within the BJD took a hit due to allegations of making false assurances regarding job opportunities. Mr. Panigrahi had, however, vehemently denied these charges, claiming that they were orchestrated by the ruling party to tarnish his reputation. He later joined the BJP.

Similarly, Premanand Naik, a former Minister and legislator representing the BJD , faced public embarrassment in his Telkoi constituency when the party purportedly supported another leader. This led to his resignation from the party, after which he joined the BJP.

Prasant Jagdev, the MLA from the Chilika constituency, holds significant sway in three constituencies within Khordha district. However, his tenure with the BJD came to an halt after he was suspended for allegedly assaulting a Dalit BJP leader. Despite his reputation for employing strong-arm tactics, Mr. Jagdev's potential to challenge the ruling party in the election cannot be underestimated.

Arabinda Dhali, a six-time MLA, has been representing the Jayadev constituency for the BJD. He recently made a return to the BJP after a decade, possibly foreseeing being sidelined by the BJD during candidate selection.

Given the evolving situation, these leaders might not be as valuable to the BJP any more. In the negotiations over seat allocations, these leaders might find themselves being overlooked, thereby losing their opportunity to contest the elections.

# Rahul announces jobs, other guarantees for youth

**The Hindu Bureau**
JAIPUR/AHMEDABAD

Reaching out to the young population of the country ahead of the Lok Sabha election, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday announced five promises of the party, including recruitment to 30 lakh vacant government posts and apprenticeships.

He said the Congress would treat these promises as its guarantees if elected.

Accompanied by Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge, Mr. Gandhi addressed a rally at Banswara in Rajasthan as part of the Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra.

**Poll promises:** Congress leader Rahul Gandhi addressing a public rally at Zalod in Gujarat on Thursday. VIJAY SONEJI

Mr. Gandhi said the Congress would enact a law to curb the government recruitment exam paper leaks, provide social security to gig workers by implementing a legislation nationally on the pattern of the law passed by the Ashok Gehlot government, and create a ₹5,000-crore fund for start-ups.

He said since Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP had failed to fill up 30 lakh vacancies, the first step of the Congress after coming to power would be making the appointments, which would benefit the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, and the minorities. "On the lines of the right to employment given by the UPA government through MGNREGS (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme), we are now going to give a legal right to apprenticeship to all the youth," he said.

The yatra later entered Dahod district in Gujarat, where Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leaders joined the Congress workers in welcoming Mr. Gandhi.

He questioned the Centre for "handing over natural resources to a few corporates" and on the "₹16 lakh crore corporate debt waiver". From ports to airports everything is being handed over to corporates while the youth are struggling for jobs, he said.

## Cong. to take out Mahila Nyay Yatras

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

To mark the International Women's Day on Friday, the All India Mahila Congress will take out Mahila Nyay Yatras across the country to highlight the plight of rape victims and their families.

Mahila Congress chief Alka Lamba asked President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi to assure speedy justice to the rape victims.

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**NOTICE INVITING TENDER-E-Procurement Notice No:-CE&BM, MBBS 12 OF 2023-24**

The Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, Mahanadi, Brahmani & Baitarani System, Chandikhole on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites on-line **percentage rate tender** through e-procurement in **double cover system**.

*Table-1 : Details of Critical Dates, details of work, Bid Security*

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| 1. | Name of the work | Improvement of Mouth of River Hansua Against the Sea Erosion & Flood in Rajnagar Block of Kendrapara District. | Protection to scoured bank on Kharasrota Right near Ekmania, Nalapai & Daakhinadhia |
| 2. | Bid Identification No. | CE&BM, MBBS AUL 06 of 2023-24 | CE&BM, MBBS AUL 07 of 2023-24 |
| 3. | Tender Cost | Rs.5045.61 Lakh (Excluding G.S.T) | Rs.1562.19 Lakh (Excluding G.S.T.) |
| 4. | Cost of Bid Document (Non-Refundable) | Rs.10,000.00 (On-line payment) | Rs.10,000.00 (On-line payment) |
| 5. | Bid Security/EMD (Online) | Rs.50,45,700/- | Rs.15,62,200/- |
| 6. | Class of Contractor | Super | A & Special |
| 7. | Period of Completion | 24 (Twenty-Four) Calendar Months | 18 (Eighteen) Calendar Months |

*Table-2 : e-Procurement Details*

| Procurement Officer | Availability of tender on-line for bidding | | Date of Seeking tender Clarification | Date & Time of opening of tender | | Place of Opening |
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| | From | To | | Technical Bid | Financial Bid | |
| 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, Mahanadi, Brahmani & Baitarani System, Chandikhole | Dt.13.03.2024 at 10.00 Hrs. | Dt.04.04.2024 up to 17.00 Hrs | Dt.13.03.2024 to 30.03.2024 at Office during office hours | Dt.05.04.2024 at 11.00 Hours | To be intimated after evaluation of Technical Bid | Office of Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, Mahanadi, Brahmani & Baitarani System, Chandikhole |

Further details can be seen from the Govt. Web site www.tendersodisha.gov.in
*Other Terms & conditions can be seen from the Government website www.tendersodisha.gov.in
*The Corrigendum/ cancellation of Tender, if any, will be uploaded and can be seen from the above website only.
Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, MBBS, Chandikhole
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**धुळे महानगरपालिका, धुळे**
बांधकाम विभाग – ई–निविदा सुचना क्र.266, सन 2023–24

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No:RGU/ENG/CON/ALL/COL/MYS/47/2023-24 Date: 07.03.2024

**TENDER NOTIFICATION**

The Registrar, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Karnataka Invites tender for the work of Construction of Allied Health Sciences College at Mysuru. More details on the work are provided in http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal vide Tender No: RGUHSK/2023-24/BD/WORK_INDENT2

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| Tender document available for downloaded | 07/03/2024 |
| Last date & Time for Tender Queries/ Clarification | 20.03.2024, 12:30 Hrs |
| Date and Time for Pre-Bid Meeting | 21.03.2024, 12:00 Hrs |
| Last date for receipt of Tender | 15.04.2024, 17:30 Hrs |
| Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid | 17.04.2024, 11:30 Hrs |
| Place of Pre-Bid Meeting and Tender Opening: Office of the Registrar, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Jayanagara, Bengaluru | |

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## INBRIEF

### Air India deboards woman passenger at Delhi airport

A woman business class passenger on an Air India flight to London was deboarded at the Delhi airport following an argument with cabin crew earlier this week. The incident happened on flight AI 161 on March 5 and the passenger involved was a senior corporate executive, according to sources. In a statement, an Air India spokesperson said a passenger travelling in business class was deboarded on the advice of the captain before the scheduled pushback. "The passenger who was off boarded was travelling for some compelling reasons and was accommodated on a subsequent flight following a written assurance," the spokesperson said. PTI

### Government raises MSP for raw jute by ₹285 for 2024-25

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has increased the minimum support price (MSP) for raw jute for the 2024-25 season by ₹285 to ₹5,335 a quintal. Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal told presspersons that the decision would ensure a return of 64.8% over the all-India weighted average cost of production. "In the last 10 years, the government has increased MSP for raw jute from ₹2,400 a quintal in 2014-15 to ₹5,335 a quintal in 2024-25, registering a growth of 122%," Mr. Goyal said. The decision is expected to help jute farmers in West Bengal, Bihar, and Assam. Mr. Goyal said the Jute Corporation of India (JCI) will continue as the nodal agency to undertake Price Support Operations. He said the JCI will procure jute if the market prices go below the MSP.

### AI knowledge consortium formed by 12 organisations

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Twelve research institutions and think tanks have joined forces to establish the Artificial Intelligence Knowledge Consortium (AIKC) in India, "dedicated to championing [a] multi-stakeholder approach to AI governance", the bodies announced on Thursday.

"As AI becomes an integral part of our daily lives, the AIKC recognises responsible business practices and comprehensive societal oversight are dual imperatives," the organisations said. The AIKC's secretariat will be housed at Koan Advisory, a private consultancy that advises foreign firms on entering the Indian market.

The launch was accompanied by a report titled "What Indian Parliamentarians Think of AI", which surveyed 37 MPs on the technology. "Nearly all MPs emphasised the importance of a human-centric approach to AI regulation, while 82% also stressed the centrality of innovation-centricity," Congress MP Manish Tewari said.

The members include Aapti Institute; Cyber Saathi; Communeeti; Esya Centre; Institute for Governance, Policies and Politics, and New Indian Consumer Initiative.

# Centre to rope in ISRO to provide Internet in 80 remote tribal villages

This collaboration will see the government set up V-SAT stations for tribal villages in Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Maharashtra that are geographically remote and have difficult terrain

**Abhinay Lakshman**
**Jacob Koshy**
NEW DELHI

The Tribal Affairs Ministry is planning to collaborate with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to deploy V-SAT (very small aperture terminal) stations on a pilot basis for around 80 tribal villages in Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, and Maharashtra to bring Internet services there, according to a proposal unveiled on Thursday at a Ministry event meant to brainstorm innovative projects for tribal development.

ISRO chief S. Somnath confirmed to *The Hindu* that they were going to collaborate with the Ministry on this project and that the two bodies would soon sign a memorandum of understanding to give pilot connectivity (services such as Internet, medical and educational connectivity) to these tribal-dominated villages.

This proposal was among the many that were tabled at Thursday's meeting, chaired by Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda, on innovative projects for empowering tribal communities.

Union Minister Arjun Munda presiding over a meeting on projects for empowering tribal communities on Thursday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

**Various projects**

In addition to the collaboration with the ISRO, proposals for projects with other eminent institutes such as the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Delhi, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi, Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Calcutta, and Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bengaluru were discussed.

The collaboration with the ISRO will see the government set up V-SAT stations for these 80 villages that are geographically remote and have difficult terrain, challenges that have kept them out of reach of connectivity for the longest time.

Officials at the Tribal Affairs Ministry said the pilot project would be monitored so that it could be scaled up to other similar tribal villages in other States as well, adding that the goal was also to help with e-governance in these remote areas. They added that the Ministry was in the process of identifying these 80 villages in these four States and soon the modalities of the project would be worked out.

Apart from this, the Ministry is partnering with the AIIMS to conduct advanced research on tribal health issues with special emphasis on sickle cell anemia and in organising training programmes for doctors and paramedical staff working in tribal areas. Plans are also on for setting up a Bhagwan Birsa Munda Chair of Tribal Health and Haematology at the AIIMS.

In addition, a proposal has been brought to set up a similar specialised department for appropriate technology and entrepreneurship in collaboration with the IIT, Delhi and the IIM, Kolkata.

One other proposal was also tabled to collaborate with the IISc for setting up a training facility which will offer courses on semiconductor to tribal students.

### Pakistan PM thanks Modi for greetings after election

**Suhasini Haidar**
NEW DELHI

Pakistan's newly elected Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his greetings on social media on Thursday, even as the two countries showed no signs of any thaw in ties at present.

"Thank you [PM Modi] for felicitations on my election as the Prime Minister of Pakistan," Mr. Sharif said in response to Mr. Modi's equally short message of "Congratulations to [PM Sharif] on being sworn in as the Prime Minister of Pakistan."

Significantly, the messaging was welcomed by Washington on Wednesday, which said it would also welcome talks between the two countries. "The United States values its relationship with both India and Pakistan, and we want to see them have a productive and peaceful relationship," said U.S. State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller at a regular briefing. "We would welcome productive and peaceful talks between India and Pakistan, but the pace, scope, and character of any dialogue is a matter for India and Pakistan to determine," he added when asked a specific question about talks on Jammu and Kashmir.

### 5th generation fighter jet project gets CCS approval

**Dinakar Peri**
NEW DELHI

The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) has approved the project for the design and development of India's fifth-generation fighter jet, Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA), to be undertaken by the Defence Research and Development Organisation, defence sources confirmed on Thursday. The AMCA is envisaged as a 25-tonne twin-engine stealth aircraft with an internal weapons bay and diverterless supersonic intake which has been developed in India for the first time.

Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., the production agency for the project, has initiated manufacturing activities.

# Centre estimates dip in onion, potato production

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

**India's horticulture production in 2023-24 largely steady at 355.25 million tonnes**

Fruit and vegetable production in the country could touch 355.25 million tonnes (MT) in 2023-24, according to the first advanced estimates of area and production of horticultural crops released by the Union Agriculture Ministry on Thursday. The area of production will be 28.77 million hectares. The final estimates for 2022-23 stand at 355.48 MT in 28.44 million hectares.

The data for 2022-23 show a 2.39% (8.3 MT) increase in production over that of 2021-22. "An increase in area of 1.41%, or 0.40 million hectares, is observed in 2022-23 (final estimates) over 2021-22," the Ministry said.

Fruit production is estimated to be 110.21 MT in 2022-23 (final estimates), mainly due to increases in production of apples, bananas, grapes, mangoes and watermelon. Production of vegetables has increased from 209.14 MT in 2021-22 to 212.55 MT in 2022-23.

In the first advance estimates for 2023-24, the production is estimated to be about 355.25 MT. "An increase in area of 1.15% or 3.27 lakh hectares is observed in 2023-24 (first estimate) over 2022-23 (final estimate)," the government said. "The production of fruits is expected to reach 112.08 MT, mainly due to increases in production of banana, mandarin and mango. Production of vegetables is envisaged to be around 209.39 million tonnes. Increase is expected in production of cabbage, cauliflower, pumpkin, tapioca, tomato and other vegetables," it added.

While the production of tomatoes is expected to increase by 1.93% over the previous year's numbers, the production of onions is expected to be around 254.73 lakh tonne, much less than the 302.08 lakh tonne of last year.

Production of potatoes in 2023-24 is also expected to be lower at around 589.94 lakh tonne compared with around 601.42 lakh tonne last year.

# *INS Kolkata* assists vessels hit in Gulf of Aden; rescues 21 crew members

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Indian Naval destroyer *INS Kolkata* responded to two instances of missile/drone attacks on merchant vessels in the last few days. On Wednesday, the warship rescued 21 crew members, including one Indian, from Barbados-flagged bulk carrier *MV True Confidence* after it was hit in the Gulf of Aden and the crew was forced to abandon ship.

In another incident, on March 4, *INS Kolkata* responded to a request from *MSC Sky II*, a Liberian-flagged container vessel, which was hit around 7 p.m. approximately 90 nautical miles south-east of Aden.

"*MV True Confidence* was reportedly hit by a drone/missile, approximately 55 nm south-west of Aden, on March 6, resulting in a fire onboard and critical injuries to some of the crew members. *INS Kolkata*, deployed for maritime security operations, arrived at the scene of action at 4.45 p.m. and rescued 21 crew members, including one Indian national," the Navy said on Thursday.

**Rescue mission:** The rescued crew, including the critically injured personnel, were evacuated to Djibouti. AFP

"Critical medical aid was provided to the injured crew by the ship's medical team. The rescued crew including the critically injured personnel were evacuated to Djibouti later on Wednesday."

On *MSC Sky II*, the Navy said that following the attack, the master reported smoke and fire onboard in response to which *INS Kolkata* was diverted and arrived at the scene of the incident and the vessel was escorted to the territorial waters of Djibouti.

**'All safe'**

"In the early hours of March 5, a specialist firefighting team of 12 personnel from *INS Kolkata* embarked the vessel and provided assistance in extinguishing the residual fire/ smoke. Additionally, an Explosive Ordnance Disposal team also embarked the vessel for residual risk assessment," the Navy said, adding the crew of 23 personnel, including 13 Indian nationals are safe and the vessel is proceeding to her next destination.

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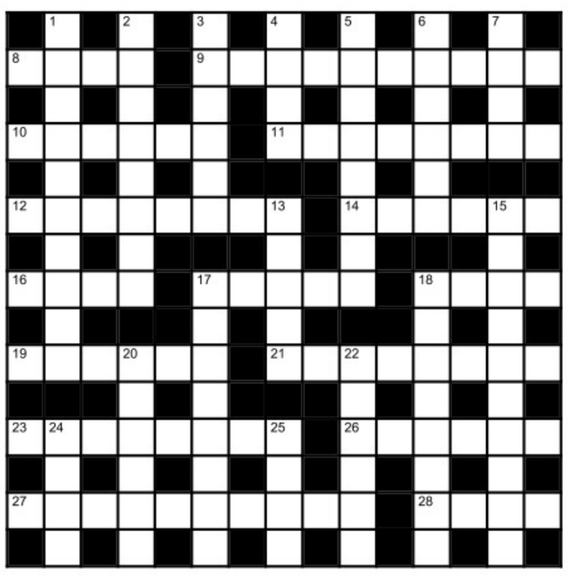
SCAN TO PLAY



**Across**

**8** Foot part used in marching (4)
**9** Oregon trip arranged for ancestor (10)
**10** Duck! Two-wheeler has lost one wheel! (6)
**11** State, "Little hunger" (8)
**12** What a dentist might give to a child who is yet to learn writing... (4,4)
**14** Lemur? Yes! Yes! (3-3)
**16** Only a part of 7 (4)
**17** Part of shank/leg? (5)
**18** Endured tidal wave rushing up a narrow estuary (4)
**19** Help animal first (6)
**21** Soars wildly consuming oxygen, for example, in a sea that has no coastline! (8)
**23** Embarrassed, daughter entered barn and cut into thin strips (8)
**26** Interrupt, "Tin tub is damaged" (4,2)
**27** Careful and precise clue I must be composing about opposition leader (10)
**28** Playboy's garden tool (4)

**Down**

**1** Rep is confused by debt notes covering vehicle that is likely to fall (10)
**2** Well-meaning untruth that may be told while tie is knotted (5,3)
**3** In short, about academic paper predicting rarity of xenon, for starters (6)
**4** Therefore, note piece of furniture (4)
**5** Temporary worker delayed producing pattern (8)
**6** Get obi wound around hallus (3,3)
**7** Female model carries spectacles for Tootsie (4)
**13** Compels girl to hug a king before end of June (5)
**15** 36-inch ruler's standards of judgement? (10)
**17** Cadet mimed (5,3)
**18** Boy left flowers for workmen using explosives for demolition (8)
**20** Setter with violent bear goes around one peninsula in Europe (6)
**22** After leaving turbulent sea, saboteurs regrouped and became strong (6)
**24** A part of the foot kept in the elbow (4)
**25** Regressive frame of mind leads to destruction (4)

## SUDOKU

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**Solution to previous puzzle**

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**Solution to yesterday's Sudoku**

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## FAITH

### Maha Sivaratri significance

The Hindu tradition has many festivals and each one is meant to propitiate a certain deity and further one's divine quest. Among all the auspicious occasions, the one occupying the pre eminent position is Maha Sivaratri, when devotees pray to Lord Parameshwara, to dispel the darkness of ignorance and usher in the light of gnanam, said Tiruvidaimarudur Brahmasri Nidhiswara Shrowthigal in a discourse.

As per the Hindu calendar, a Sivaratri occurs every month. Among these, the most auspicious one is the Sivaratri falling in the Tamil month of Maasi during Krishna Paksham. This is the day when Parameshwara took the form of a blazing flame when Brahma and Vishnu defied each other to find the head and the feet of Lord Siva. The two Gods sported thus in order for mankind to realise the folly of egoism. Hence, this day is supremely auspicious for praying to Mahadev Parameshwara. Siva's form of a blaze symbolises the light of wisdom, emphasising that real riches lie in god consciousness.

There are four parts to vratam. Fasting, forsaking sleep, offering prayers and charity. On Maha Sivaratri, fasting, forsaking sleep and doing puja are important. One should start the day by offering of prayers and fast through the day and night.

## INBRIEF

### Tata Motors to increase CV prices by up to 2% from April 1

Tata Motors Ltd. has announced it will increase the price of its commercial vehicles effective April 1 by up to 2%. "The price increase is to offset the residual impact of the past input costs. While the price increase will vary as per individual model and variant, it will be applicable across the entire range of commercial vehicles," the company said in a statement. Moody's had on Wednesday affirmed Tata Motors Ltd.'s Ba3 corporate family rating.

### TVS Supply Chain Solutions adds warehousing capacity

TVS Supply Chain Solutions has added 6,50,000 sq.ft. of space to its modern, multi-client warehouse at Hosur. With this, the firm's total warehousing capacity in India has risen from 21.2 to 21.85 million sq.ft., creating 1,200 jobs. The expansion is in line with its customers growth needs, said the firm. "We have strategically positioned our Global Parts Distribution Centre in this new facility," said TVS Motor Company CEO K.N. Radhakrishnan.

### FMCG to see subdued growth till September quarter: Kantar

The fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) sector will have a "subdued" growth till September quarter due to factors, including an uncertain outlook for the agricultural sector, according to a report from data, insights and consulting firm Kantar. The agricultural sector has uncertainty and the upcoming general elections would not raise the consumption of FMCG products, as per Kantar Worldpanel's FMCG pulse report. PTI

# Inflation likely stayed over 5% in Feb. too: Bank of Baroda

A sharp uptick in prices was seen in potatoes, which rose 16.6%, tomatoes (30.3%), pulses such as chana dal or gram dal (15%) and urad (15.5%) compared with the February 2023 levels

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Despite the pace of price rise in some food items like onions, potatoes and pulses hastening in February, overall retail inflation is likely to have stayed at about 5.1% in February, the same level as January, Bank of Baroda (BoB) economists said on Thursday.

Prices of about half of the 20 items tracked by the bank's Essential Commodities Index (ECI) saw some momentum building up last month with the index rising 4.2% y-o-y compared with January's 3.8%.

A sharp uptick in prices was seen in potatoes, which rose 16.6%, tomatoes (30.3%), pulses like chana dal or gram dal (15%) and urad (15.5%) compared with February 2023 levels. On a sequential basis, prices rose for 16 of the 20 commodities in the index, including onions, vegetables, rice, pulses, edible oils, and sugar, compared to their January prices.

"For the first five days of March, the BoB ECI has inched up further by 5.5%, on a y-o-y basis," the bank's economist Dipanwita Mazumdar said. "We expect inflation measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to settle at around 5.1% in February." If the recent, broad-based pressure in prices persist, the headline inflation may not get near RBI's 4% target level.

**Expensive essentials**

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- Sequentially, prices rose for 16 of the 20 commodities in the index
- In the first 5 days of March, the index rose by 5.5% y-o-y
- Consumer Price Index (CPI) likely settled at around 5.1% in Feb, says Dipanwita Mazumdar

# RBI, Bank Indonesia to use local currencies for two-way deals

**The Hindu Bureau**
MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Bank Indonesia (BI) on Thursday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) here for establishing a framework to promote the use of local currencies viz., the Indian Rupee (INR) and the Indonesian Rupiah (IDR) for cross-border transactions.

"The MoU on establishing a framework for cooperation in the area of cross-border transactions in local currencies between India and Indonesia, aims at promoting the use of INR and IDR bilaterally, " the RBI said in a statement.

The MoU covers all current-account transactions, permissible capital-account transactions and any other economic and financial transactions as agreed upon by both countries.

"This framework would enable exporters and importers to invoice and pay in respective domestic currencies, which in turn would enable the development of an INR-IDR foreign exchange market. Use of local currencies would optimise costs and settlement time for transactions," the central bank added.

"The use of local currencies in bilateral transactions will eventually contribute to promoting trade between India and Indonesia as well as deepen financial integration," the Reserve Bank of India said in the statement.

## MARKETS

**MARKET WATCH**

| | THURSDAY | % CHANGE |
|---|---|---|
| Sensex | 74,119 | 0.05 |
| US Dollar | 82.67 | 0.19 |
| Gold | 65,650 | 0.77 |
| Brent oil | 82.82 | -0.50 |

**NIFTY 50**

| | PRICE | CHANGE |
|---|---|---|
| Adani Enter | 3226.55 | -7.40 |
| Adani Ports | 1325.45 | 0.65 |
| Apollo Hosp | 6048.80 | -5.50 |
| Asian Paints | 2870.55 | 43.25 |
| Axis Bank | 1111.45 | -13.55 |
| Bajaj Auto | 8879.05 | 273.25 |
| Bajaj Finserv | 1582.80 | 28.20 |
| Bajaj Finance | 6421.05 | 109.80 |
| Bharti Airtel | 1199.70 | 6.00 |
| BPCL | 624.70 | -13.65 |
| Britannia Ind | 4889.15 | 8.40 |
| Cipla | 1483.15 | -2.10 |
| Coal India | 458.60 | -3.00 |
| Divis Lab | 3601.60 | 56.95 |
| Dr Reddys Lab | 6324.15 | 9.50 |
| Eicher Motors | 3785.25 | -7.95 |
| Grasim Ind | 2228.10 | -8.40 |
| HCL Tech | 1637.65 | -6.55 |
| HDFC Bank | 1446.10 | 3.50 |
| HDFC Life | 621.95 | 8.00 |
| Hero MotoCorp | 4652.90 | 17.60 |
| Hindalco | 536.70 | 9.75 |
| Hind Unilever | 2419.55 | 18.75 |
| ICICI Bank | 1087.95 | -9.15 |
| IndusInd Bank | 1563.75 | 9.20 |
| Infosys | 1616.45 | -1.10 |
| ITC | 413.55 | 5.70 |
| JSW Steel | 830.00 | 17.10 |
| Kotak Bank | 1748.05 | -11.70 |
| L&T | 3676.95 | 34.75 |
| LTIMindtree Ltd. | 5122.70 | -41.50 |
| M&M | 1897.55 | -73.10 |
| Maruti Suzuki | 11510.05 | -57.00 |
| NestleIndia | 2560.95 | 27.90 |
| NTPC | 352.20 | 0.25 |
| ONGC | 278.10 | -2.15 |
| PowerGrid Corp | 292.65 | -1.05 |
| Reliance Ind | 2957.85 | -48.15 |
| SBI Life | 1510.40 | -10.00 |
| State Bank | 788.05 | 4.15 |
| Sun Pharma | 1605.70 | 1.70 |
| TataConsumerProduct | 1261.55 | 41.50 |
| Tata Motors | 1039.30 | 21.65 |
| Tata Steel | 157.25 | 5.65 |
| TCS | 4108.60 | 44.30 |
| Tech Mahindra | 1288.15 | 17.15 |
| Titan | 3786.90 | -23.85 |
| UltraTech Cement | 9673.15 | 32.10 |
| UPL | 482.30 | 9.10 |
| Wipro | 515.50 | 2.35 |

**EXCHANGE RATES**

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on March 07

| CURRENCY | TT BUY | TT SELL |
|---|---|---|
| US Dollar | 82.59 | 82.91 |
| Euro | 89.98 | 90.34 |
| British Pound | 105.33 | 105.74 |
| Japanese Yen (100) | 55.90 | 56.11 |
| Chinese Yuan | 11.47 | 11.52 |
| Swiss Franc | 93.88 | 94.25 |
| Singapore Dollar | 61.84 | 62.09 |
| Canadian Dollar | 61.18 | 61.42 |
| Malaysian Ringitt | 17.54 | 17.63 |
| Australian Dollar | 54.55 | 54.76 |

Source:Indian Bank

# 'JM Financial barred from debt mandates'

**Lalatendu Mishra**
MUMBAI

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has barred merchant banking firm JM Financial Ltd. from taking new mandates to act as lead manager for the public issue of debt securities "in order to protect the integrity of the securities market".

However, JM Financial can continue as lead manager for public issue of debt securities for 60 days for existing mandates, the markets regulator said.

SEBI on Thursday published an interim ex-parte order on its website initiating action on JM Financial, which has allegedly been found manipulating markets through its different subsidiaries. The order comes in the wake of RBI's curbs on the group's NBFC JM Financial Products.

# Moody's pegs India's FY24 growth at 8%

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Moody's Investors Service on Thursday said India's robust economic growth will continue and its real GDP growth will accelerate to around 8% in 2023-24 from 7% in 2022-23.

The global rating major's growth estimate for this year is higher than the 7.6% uptick projected by the National Statistical Office (NSO) in its second advance national income estimates released on February 29.

On Wednesday, Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das said real GDP growth is likely to be closer to 8% as NSO's current estimate of 5.9% GDP growth for Q4 of FY24 is likely to be overshot.

**'Government capex and strong domestic consumption will underpin India's economic growth'**

"Government capital expenditure and strong domestic consumption will underpin India's economic growth," said Moody's.

# 'After 3 years, steel demand to grow in single digits in 2024-25'

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

With imports from China and Vietnam rising since last October, India is likely to be a net finished-steel importer in 2023-24 after a gap of five years, and is likely to remain so in the coming year as well unless the external demand environment improves meaningfully, rating agency ICRA has said.

Moreover, domestic steel consumption growth is expected to slide to 7%-8% after three years of double-digit growth, down from about 12%-13% this year, while higher input costs and soft steel prices will squeeze operating profit for margins for producers by 110-115 basis points in 2024-25, according to a ICRA research note.

Local demand has been slowing over December and January, growing by just 6.5%.

Domestic demand has already been slowing over December and January, when it grew just 6.5%, after six months of about 16% growth.

"While these are early trends, the numbers nonetheless hint at demand remaining soft over the next two quarters as the government spending moderates around the election period," remarked Jayanta Roy, Senior Vice-President and Group Head of Corporate Sector Ratings at ICRA.

On the external front, steelmakers remain on tenterhooks, ICRA said, as multiple structural headwinds in China have propelled its steel exports to a seven-year high in 2023.

"With most other large steel-consuming hubs globally also facing subpar economic activities in the near term, global steel trade flows have been increasingly redirected to high-growth markets like India," ICRA said.

# Govt. panel backs higher carbon tax on coal imports

**Reuters**
SINGAPORE

A panel of officials from Indian Ministries has called for a bigger carbon tax on higher quality imported coal while cutting rates for domestic coal, in a bid to slash shipments of the polluting fuel, the Coal Ministry said on Thursday.

Coal is among India's top five commodity imports by value. Despite surging local output, mainly of low-quality coal with high ash content, it failed to cut back on imports and ranks as the world's second-largest importer. India's imports of thermal coal rose nearly 10% in 2023 to 176 million tonne.

# Cabinet approves ₹10,372 cr. AI corpus

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet on Thursday approved a ₹10,371.92 crore corpus to fund Artificial Intelligence computing infrastructure and start-ups in the AI space. This corpus would provide viability gap funding, subsidise projects that may face steeper costs for setting up datacentres and other such facilities.

It will also contribute to application development for government use.

The corpus is the Centre's largest direct investment in AI, even as efforts to bring more semiconductor fabrication, design and assembly facilities are underway.

Piyush Goyal

The corpus will be disbursed through the India AI Mission launched last year. "In the Artificial Intelligence area, the progress and solutions from India will be strengthened," Union Commerce and Industries Minister Piyush Goyal said announcing the corpus. "Graphics Processor Units will be made in Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode," Mr. Goyal added.

# 'Auto sales rose 13% in Feb. on 2, 3 wheelers'

**The Hindu Bureau**
MUMBAI

The Indian auto retail segment grew 13% year-on-year (y-o-y) across vehicle categories led by two- and three- wheelers.

"2W, 3W, PV, tractors and CV sectors registered growth rates of 13%, 24%, 12%, 11% and 5% respectively," the Federation of Automobile Dealers Association (FADA) said in a statement.

The 2W market growth of 13% y-o-y was notably driven by the rural sector, demand for premium models and strong performance of entry-level segments, FADA said.

The 3W market saw a significant 24% -o-y increase, with EVs constituting 53% of this growth,

highlighting a shift towards e-rickshaws and a rise in first-time users, it added.

PVs grew 12%, the highest February sales ever.

"Elevated inventory levels in the PV segment, at 50-55 days, pose a significant concern, necessitating OEMs to adjust production to reduce dealer carrying costs," it said.

CV sector rose 5%, overcoming challenges such as cash flow issues, it added.

**KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice**

**Tender No** : 386/2023-24/KWA/PHC/TVLA(RT-2), 370(A)/2023-24/KWA/PHC/TVLA **(2)** JJM- WSS to Pramadom and V.Kottayam villages- Design, Construction, Trial run & Commissioning of 7MLD WTP, 3 year O&M, 10LL OHSR, Construction of 9m dia intake well cum pump house, raw water pumping mains, raw water pump sets, Transformer room and Transformer, Supplying and Laying CWPM to Nedumpara, Kochumala, CWPM from Kochumala to Padappupara, 2.5LL OHSR, 3LL OHSR, 5LL sump cum Pumphouse, road restoration **(1)** AMRUT-2.0-Pathanamthitta Municipality-Design, Construction of 10 MLD WTP at Pampoorippara, supply and laying RWPM, CWPM, Pump sets and Transformer etc.
**EMD :** Rs. 500000,500000, **Tender fee :** Rs. 19518,19518, **Last Date for submitting Tender :** 18-03-2024, 02:00:pm
**Phone :** 04692600162, **Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**
Superintending Engineer
(KWA-JB-GL-6-2574-2023-24) PH Circle, Pathanamthitta

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Tender on item rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the work mentioned below from the registered contractors of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

| Sl. No. | Name of the Work |
|---|---|
| | Two Cover Works |
| 1 | Improvements to road infrastructure works and other developments works in Ward 138 - Kaveripura, Ward 139-Mudalapalya, Ward 140- Maruthimandira at Maruthimandira Sub Division. **BBMP/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT2764 Call-2. Est. Cost (Rs. in Lakhs):** 300.00. **EMD (Rs. in Lakhs):** 4.50. |

**Calender of events: (1)** Tender document can be downloaded from the GOK e-procurement website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. (2)** Last date for uploading the filled proposals is **14.03.2024** upto **4:00 p.m. (3)** Date of opening of Technical proposals is **15.03.2024** after **4:30 p.m. (4)** Date of opening of Financial proposals: **after approval of Technical proposals.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**
**Sd/- Executive Engineer, Govindarajanagara Division, BBMP**

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**Operating Passenger Ships / Cruises / Vessels to connect Middle East / GCC with Kerala, leveraging the Port Infrastructure in Kerala, India**
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CANBERRA

## Malaysia PM Anwar warns against attempts to block China's rise

AFP

Malaysia's Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim warned on Thursday against attempts by other countries to block China's military and economic rise in the Asia-Pacific region. As the U.S. and China jostle for regional influence, Southeast Asian countries should defend the "sanctity" of international law and urge cooperation, he said. AFP

WASHINGTON

## Sweden officially joins NATO after completing its accession process

AFP

Sweden on Thursday formally joined NATO as the 32nd member of the transatlantic military alliance, ending decades of neutrality as concerns about Russian aggression have spiked following Russia's 2022 invasion of Ukraine. The White House said that having Sweden as a NATO ally "will make the U.S. and our allies even safer". AP

LAHORE

## Pakistan gets first Sikh Provincial Minister in post-partition Punjab

Sardar Ramesh Singh Arora, an influential minority leader, has been sworn in as Provincial Minister, making him the first Sikh to occupy a ministerial position in post-partition Punjab. Belonging to the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz party, Mr. Arora has returned to the Assembly for the third term after winning the February 8 polls. PTI

MOSCOW

## Russia's FSB says it shot dead a man planning an 'act of terrorism'

GETTY IMAGES

Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) said on Thursday that it had shot dead a Belarusian man who had been planning "an act of terrorism" on behalf of Ukraine in the northern Russian region of Karelia, the *RIA* state news agency reported. The FSB said it had "seized weapons and an improvised explosive device". REUTERS

# China calls conflict in Gaza 'a disgrace to civilisation'

Mediators in Egypt struggle to overcome tough obstacles in their attempts to negotiate a pause, while the United Nations has warned that famine looms for Palestinians trapped by the fighting

**Agence France-Presse**
GAZA STRIP

China described the war in Gaza as a "disgrace to civilisation" and called on Thursday for an immediate ceasefire as the conflict stretched into its sixth month despite efforts by mediators to reach a truce.

U.S. President Joe Biden has urged Hamas to accept a ceasefire plan with Israel before the Muslim fasting month begins, which could be as early as Sunday, depending on the sighting of the crescent moon.

However, mediators in Egypt have struggled to overcome tough obstacles in their attempts to negotiate a pause, while the United Nations has warned that famine looms for Palestinians trapped by the fighting.

**Sympathetic push:** Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi speaks during a press conference in Beijing on Thursday. GETTY IMAGES

"It is a tragedy for humankind and a disgrace for civilisation that today, in the 21st century, this humanitarian disaster cannot be stopped," Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi told a news conference in Beijing.

China, historically sympathetic to the Palestinian cause, has been calling for a ceasefire since the war began when Hamas militants attacked Israel on October 7.

"The international community must act urgently, making an immediate ceasefire and the cessation of hostilities an overriding priority, and ensuring humanitarian relief an urgent moral responsibility," Mr. Wang said.

The war has reduced vast stretches of Gaza to a wasteland of gutted buildings and rubble and sparked a humanitarian disaster for its 2.4 million people.

The Health Ministry in Hamas-run Gaza said on Wednesday that 20 people have died of malnutrition and dehydration, at least half of them children.

Only limited aid has reached Gaza's north, where the UN's World Food Programme has warned that hunger has reached "catastrophic levels" in northern Gaza, where aid has been limited.

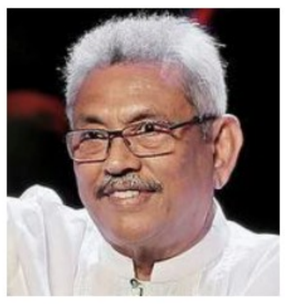
# Former President of Sri Lanka Gotabaya Rajapaksa turns author, defends regime

**Meera Srinivasan**
COLOMBO

Two years after his dramatic ouster from office by a popular people's movement, Sri Lanka's former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has sought to defend his regime, by launching a book that attributes his political downfall to a "conspiracy" involving foreign and local parties.

Announcing his book '*The Conspiracy to oust me from the Presidency*' on Wednesday, Mr. Gotabaya said in a statement: "From the time I was elected President in November 2019, certain foreign and local parties were intent on removing me from power."

During Mr. Gotabaya's Presidency from November 2019 to July 2022, Sri Lanka experienced its worst economic crisis since Independence in 1948, as the country ran out of dollars for essential imports, following a host of fiscal decisions taken by his government. Citizens spent days in long queues, struggling to access basic food items, cooking gas, and medicines, while grappling with prolonged power cuts in their homes. Holding his government responsible for their suffering, people from diverse backgrounds took to the streets in a historic protest across the island nation.



Gotabaya Rajapaksa

They relentlessly agitated with the demand "Gota go home", eventually forcing the besieged leader to flee the country and subsequently resign in July 2022, less than three years since he was elected President.

**Sri Lanka crisis**

In a significant judgment last year, Sri Lanka's Supreme Court reiterated the position held by the citizens' movement, ruling that the Rajapaksa brothers – Mr. Gotabaya, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Basil Rajapaksa – along with top officials in their government, "demonstrably contributed" to the 2022 economic crisis and "violated public trust". However, taking no responsibility for the country's financial collapse, Mr. Gotabaya squarely blamed "conspiratorial forces" for his removal from office.

In a reference to the time he took the decision to resign while in Singapore, Mr. Gotabaya writes that he had, by then, decided Mr. Wickremesinghe would be his successor, "because I saw him as the only person capable of restoring law and order in the country." On July 20, 2022, Ranil Wickremesinghe was elected President through an urgent parliamentary vote, in which the Rajapaksas' party, the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP or People's Front) backed him. Mr. Gotabaya returned to Sri Lanka in September 2022. He lives in a state bungalow in Colombo with special security accorded to him by the Wickremesinghe administration.

Meanwhile, Sri Lankan newspaper *Daily Mirror* reported that Mr. Basil, the SLPP's strategist, is scheduled to meet with President Wickremesinghe and former President Mr. Mahinda on Thursday evening to discuss a possible alliance for the presidential polls and general elections scheduled later this year.

## Russia warns U.S. that it will expel diplomats

**Reuters**
MOSCOW

The Russian Foreign Ministry said on Thursday it had summoned Lynne Tracy, the U.S. Ambassador in Moscow, to warn her it would expel U.S. diplomats it deems to be interfering in its internal affairs.

Moscow issued the warning ahead of a March 15-17 presidential election, which President Vladimir Putin, Russia's paramount leader for over 20 years, is certain to win bar an unexpected development.

The Foreign Ministry said in a statement it would look out for what it called "subversive actions and the spread of information" related to the election and what the Kremlin calls its special military operation in Ukraine.

It said such behaviour would be "firmly and resolutely suppressed, up to and including the expulsion as '*persona non grata*' of United States Embassy staff involved in such actions". A U.S. Embassy spokesperson said they had no immediate comment.

## 200 people, mostly women and children, abducted by extremists in Nigeria: UN

**Associated Press**
ABUJA

At least 200 people, mostly women and children displaced by violence in northeastern Nigeria, were abducted by Islamic extremists while they were searching for firewood near the border with Chad, the United Nations office in Nigeria said late Wednesday.

The victims had left several displacement camps to look for firewood in Borno state's Gamboru Ngala council area when they were ambushed and taken hostage, the UN said, in the latest attack in the conflict-hit region where frequent abductions and killings limit movement.

"The exact number of people abducted remains unknown but is estimated at over 200 people," the UN humanitarian coordinator for Nigeria Mohamed Fall said in a statement about the attacks, which occurred several days ago but whose details are only emerging now because of limited access to information in the area.

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Local people blamed the attack on Islamic extremist rebels who launched an insurgency in Borno in 2009 seeking to establish their radical interpretation of Islamic law in the region. At least 35,000 people have been killed and more than 2 million displaced due to the violence by the militant Boko Haram group and a breakaway faction backed by the Islamic State group.

Many of those fleeing the violence are in displacement camps like the ones in Gamboru Ngala where security is limited to areas near the camp, leaving them either to starve in the camps – amid dwindling aid – or risk their safety in search of food.

## 'Two Filipinos among dead in Houthi attack'

**Agence France-Presse**
MANILA

Two Filipino crew members were among those killed in a missile attack by Yemen's Houthi rebels on a ship in the Gulf of Aden, the Philippine government said on Thursday.

The Iran-backed Houthis have been targeting merchant vessels transiting the vital Red Sea trade route for months but Wednesday's deaths were the first reported fatalities resulting from such an attack.

"The Department of Foreign Affairs expresses its sincere condolences to the families of the two Filipino crew members of the civilian bulk carrier *True Confidence*, which was the subject of a missile attack from Houthi rebels in Yemen," the Ministry said.

The Indian Navy rescued 21 of the ship's crew, including 13 Filipinos, the statement added.

Houthi military spokesperson wrote on social media that the *True Confidence* was targeted "after the ship's crew rejected warning messages".

# Sport

## Manchester City rumbles past Copenhagen and into quarters

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

**Agence France-Presse**
MANCHESTER

Manchester City cruised into a seventh consecutive Champions League quarterfinal as a much-changed side still put FC Copenhagen to the sword 3-1 on Wednesday to progress 6-2 on aggregate.

Goals from Manuel Akanji and Julian Alvarez killed the tie as a contest inside 10 minutes before Erling Haaland drilled in his 29th goal of the season.

That took Haaland's total to 41 Champions League goals, matching the tally of City's all-time leading goalscorer Sergio Aguero, but in just 37 appearances for three different clubs.

**Early strike:** Akanji fires in City's opener in the fifth minute against Copenhagen. AFP

Guardiola's men are rounding ominously into form for those trying to dethrone them in England and in Europe.

Meanwhile, Real Madrid scraped through into the quarter-finals with a 1-1 second-leg draw against RB Leipzig on Wednesday, progressing 2-1 on aggregate.

**The results: Last 16, second leg:** Manchester City 3 (Akanji 5, Alvarez 9, Haaland 45+3) bt FC Copenhagen 1 (Elyounoussi 29) (City wins 6-2 on aggregate); Real Madrid 1 (Vinicius 65) drew with RB Leipzig 1 (Orban 68) (Real wins 2-1 on aggregate).

## Services beats Mizoram, Goa stages stirring fightback

SANTOSH TROPHY

**Amitabha Das Sharma**
YUPIA (ARUNACHAL)

A 10-man Services held off a late resurgence from Mizoram for a narrow 2-1 win in the first semifinal of the 77th National Football Championships for the Santosh Trophy here on Thursday.

Rahul Ramakrishnan and substitute Bikash Thapa scored one apiece in either half to give Services a two-goal lead. Substitute Malsawmfela pulled one back for Mizoram in injury-time but failed to fetch the equaliser as Services successfully thwarted the late surge from the North-East powerhouse.

The win took the six-time champion Services to its 12th final in the long history of the tournament.

**On target:** Thapa scores Services' second against Mizoram. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Services controlled the proceedings from the very start and appeared more cohesive in its attacks and defensive organisation. Services had a chance in the first quarter of the action, but Mizoram's defence countered the offensive that saw Vijay J. moving close to the goal.

Services finally got the break in the 21st minute when left-back Subham Rana moved up the flank to set up Ramakrishnan with a sharp cross. The latter controlled the ball well while shielding his marker and finished with a left-footed drive.

Services continued to hold strong after the break and doubled the lead in the 83rd minute when Bikash Thapa, a 74th minute substitute, pounced on a back-pass that the Mizoram goalkeeper F. Lalmuanawma failed to control and slotted home the insurance goal.

Malsawmfela then found the net from a free-kick three minutes into added time and almost found the equaliser in the last minute of play. But Shafeel P.P. saved the situation for Services, clearing Malsawmfela's header from the line.

In the other semifinal, Goa staged a stirring comeback against Manipur to post a similar 2-1 win. The North East team thought it had the match in the bag after it held on to its lead following Ngangbam Pacha Singh's 18th minute strike.

But Necio Maristo Fernandes had other ideas. The midfielder's first drew Goa level in the sixth minute of added time in the second half to take the match into extra time before netting the winner in the 116th minute.

**The result: Semifinal:** Services 2 (Rahul Ramakrishnan 21, Bikash Thapa 83) bt Mizoram 1 (Malsawmfela 90+3); Manipur 1 (Ngangbam Pacha Singh 18) lost to Goa 2 (Necio Maristo Fernandes 90+6, 116).

**WORLD-BEATER**

## 'Kuldeep is in rich form and was too good for the England batters'

R.V. MOORTHY

England succumbed to the pressure of standing up to a world-class band of Indian spinners, felt former England spinner Graeme Swann. "India has got an absolute world-beater at the moment and he is bowling like a dream. England came up against Kuldeep who is in rich form at the moment and he was just too good for them."

**FALLING FLAT**

## A disappointing day as we were hoping for a lot more: Trescothick

R.V. MOORTHY

England assistant coach Marcus Trescothick said the team expected to score a lot more than the 218 it managed on a flat track. "A disappointing day as we were hoping for a lot more after winning the toss. Kuldeep spun the ball hard, more than we've seen from anyone else so far," said Trescothick.

**THE BUBBLY 16**

## Giants' Shabnam Shakil becomes the youngest player in WPL

SPORTZPICS/WPL

The 16-year-old Gujarat Giants pacer Shabnam Shakil became the youngest to play in the WPL, making her debut against RCB on Wednesday. "She has lots of energy and is always smiling during training. But she has got that bit of aggression and bowled really well... you wouldn't know it's her first game," said skipper Mooney.

**THE PICK**

## I throw her in the deep end and she loves it: Mooney on Tanuja

SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Gujarat Giants captain Beth Mooney hailed Tanuja Kanwer as the pick of Indian talent in the WPL. Tanuja has taken seven wickets in five games for Giants this season. "I throw her in the deep end and she loves it. Hopefully one day, we will see her in an India jersey," said Mooney.

# Kuldeep sends England on a downward spiral

The left-arm wrist spinner's five-for triggers a collapse as the visitors lose seven wickets for 43; Ashwin finishes with a four-for; hosts end the day at 135 for one as Rohit and Jaiswal hit fifties

**Spin masterclass:** Kuldeep had the England batters in a web. R. V. MOORTHY

**SCOREBOARD**

**ENGLAND — 1ST INNINGS**
Zak Crawley b Kuldeep 79 *(108b, 11x4, 1x6)*, Ben Duckett c Gill b Kuldeep 27 *(58b, 4x4)*, Ollie Pope st. Jurel b Kuldeep 11 *(24b)*, Joe Root lbw b Jadeja 26 *(56b, 4x4)*, Jonny Bairstow c Jurel b Kuldeep 29 *(18b, 2x4, 2x6)*, Ben Stokes lbw b Kuldeep 0 *(6b)*, Ben Foakes b Ashwin 24 *(42b, 3x4)*, Tom Hartley c Padikkal b Ashwin 6 *(9b, 1x4)*, Mark Wood c Rohit b Ashwin 0 *(2b)*, Shoaib Bashir (not out) 11 *(22b, 2x4)*, James Anderson c Padikkal b Ashwin 0 *(3b)*; Extras (b-2, lb-1, nb-2): 5; Total (in 57.4 overs): 218.

**FALL OF WICKETS**
1-64 (Duckett, 17.6 overs), 2-100 (Pope, 25.3), 3-137 (Crawley, 37.2), 4-175 (Bairstow, 43.4), 5-175 (Root, 44.2), 6-175 (Stokes, 45.4), 7-183 (Hartley, 49.2), 8-183 (Wood, 49.4), 9-218 (Foakes, 57.1).

**INDIA BOWLING**
Bumrah 13-2-51-0, Siraj 8-1-24-0, Ashwin 11.4-1-51-4, Kuldeep 15-1-72-5, Jadeja 10-2-17-1.

**INDIA — 1ST INNINGS**
Yashasvi Jaiswal st. Foakes b Bashir 57 *(58b, 5x4, 3x6)*, Rohit Sharma (batting) 52 *(83b, 6x4, 2x6)*, Shubman Gill (batting) 26 *(39b, 2x4, 2x6)*; Total (for one wkt. in 30 overs): 135.

**FALL OF WICKET**
1-104 (Jaiswal, 20.4).

**ENGLAND BOWLING**
Anderson 4-1-4-0, Wood 3-0-21-0, Hartley 12-0-46-0, Bashir 11-2-64-1.

**Toss:** England.

**ENGLAND IN INDIA**

**Rakesh Rao**
DHARAMSHALA

When spin claims all 11 wickets on the opening day of a Test, it is not surprising to find the preparedness of the pitch under scrutiny. But the contrasting ways in which the two teams dealt with spin, soon put a lid on the simmering discussion.

After England opted to bat, Kuldeep Yadav and R. Ashwin took turns to claim nine wickets and Ravindra Jadeja made his presence felt by taking out Joe Root as England tumbled from 175 for three to 218.

The gains provided the spinners stood further enhanced after India raced to 135 for one at stumps. Rohit Sharma and Yashasvi Jaiswal posted their first century stand of the season in under 21 overs.

Soon after reaching his half century, Jaiswal gifted his wicket to Shoaib Bashir, the man whom he hoisted for three sixes in an over. All three Indian batters on view did not hold back their strokes. Rohit and Shubman Gill, too, hit two sixes each. The Indian innings has produced 13 boundaries and seven sixes in 30 overs and quickly moved within 83 runs of England's tally.

The batters did provide a 'feel-good' feeling at the end of a full day's play. But the hero of the day was Kuldeep, who made a spectacular return to the venue where he made his debut with four for 68 against Australia in March 2017.

After Ashwin was introduced in the 15th over and Kuldeep in the 18th, the left-arm wrist-spinner got his act right off the sixth ball. Welcomed with boundaries by Zak Crawley and Ben Duckett, Kuldeep came back almost immediately by mixing drift and turn.

Duckett went after a googly from Kuldeep but his miscued shot ended up in a brilliant running catch by Gill, who ran back to dive in time to take it. Ollie Pope stepped out but misread the spin to be stumped at the stroke of lunch.

In the second session, England was cruising along and reached 137 when Crawley, after producing his best of 79 in this series, became Kuldeep's third victim. The ball turned and crashed into Crawley's stumps as the batter shaped to play defensively.

Though Root continued his form from Ranchi, Jonny Bairstow looked keen to enjoy his 100th Test outing. But his 18-ball 29, during which he reached 6000 Test runs, ended with Jurel producing a reflex catch off a faint edge. Root was trapped leg-before by Jadeja and danger-man Ben Stokes surprisingly chose a back-foot on-drive to become Kuldeep's fifth scalp.

After three wickets fell in the space of 13 dot balls, England looked at Ben Foakes to rebuild with the tail-enders but did not reckon with Ashwin's strike-power.

The off-spinner removed Tom Hartley and Mark Wood in one over before tea, returned to pack off Foakes and James Anderson.

## Learnt a lot from Ashwin and Jadeja, reveals Kuldeep

**Support cast:** Kuldeep, after his five-for, credited the support he received from senior partners Ashwin and Jadeja. R. V. MOORTHY

**Rakesh Rao**
DHARAMSHALA

After playing a pivotal role in restricting England to 218 by taking five for 72, Kuldeep Yadav was quick to acknowledge the contributions of seniors like R. Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja here.

Underplaying his efforts on the day, Kuldeep said, "I have been playing international cricket for seven years and I have played a lot with Ash and Jaddu *bhai*. In some series, there were not many opportunities (for me). I have learnt a lot from Ashwin and Jadeja. In Hyderabad, I had a long chat with Ash bhai and he told me the changes that I needed to make in terms of the mindset. He gives a lot of ideas and he's a special player."

Asked about him and Ashwin prompting each other to lead the team into the dressing room after England's innings, Kuldeep said, "I wanted him to lead the team since it was his 100th Test. But Ash Bhai reminded me that he had 35 balls (with which he took five or more wickets in a Test innings) and told me to keep this one and walk on."

Kuldeep once again underplayed his effort of becoming the fastest to get 50 Test wickets in terms of the deliveries bowled. "I don't think too much about records because they are meant to be broken. You are playing for India and you only want to put your skills to test. A lot of players don't get opportunities, so I am grateful and lucky to have played for the country. I always want to contribute to the team's success."

Earlier, England's assistant coach Marcus Trescothick admitted that his team did not put enough runs on the board. However, he did not miss the opportunity to sound rather brazen.

"We are a very unique side in how we go about things. I don't think we will study what India does too much. We don't get too down when we have bad days, we don't get too high when we have good days.

"You just have to stay level and recognise what you can do better. Hopefully, we come back and improve," he signed off.

## 'I think Test cricket is what life is, it will teach you to adapt'

**Extra special:** Ashwin's wife and daughters were in attendance as he received a cap to mark his 100th Test. R.V. MOORTHY

**Press Trust of India**
DHARAMSHALA

"Test cricket is the closest synergy that you can find to life."

R. Ashwin's voice trembled with emotion and pride during the gratitude-speech after receiving his special 100th Test cap from India head coach Rahul Dravid here on Thursday.

Ashwin did not restrict that landmark moment – which came during the fifth and final Test against England – to himself, but he championed the cause of Test cricket amidst money-spinning T20 leagues.

"IPL has been a hugely popular tournament; a lot of kids want to play T20 and get into the IPL. I really do wish that they get there. But remember one thing, this format (Test)... it is in a lot of things that life wouldn't teach you," Ashwin said.

"I think Test cricket is what life is. It is the closest synergy that you can find to life. It will teach you to adapt, dealing with pressures."

The 37-year-old Ashwin, who made his Test debut in 2011, also paid tribute to his father – Ravichandran – for believing in him and supporting his journey.

"It's quite an emotional moment. Not just not just for me. But today is a hugely emotional moment for a man who is sitting back in Chennai. Unfortunately, he couldn't make it here," Ashwin began before making a quick recollection of early days.

"The first day (as a kid), I still remember it very clearly, I would put my kit in front of the petrol tank, and then he would put me on the bike and take me to the coaching camp.

"A government employee (his dad) wanted to take his son all the way miles ahead in life, somewhere he imagined I would ever get. He got me here because of the help of my mom and, of course, my granddad," he added.

His wife Preeti has been a big pillar of support for him in periods of struggles. "My wife didn't know what she was getting into. She's gotten into it and she's standing next to me today. I have got two lovely kids who are also enjoying my journey over the last few years," Ashwin said.

After handing Ashwin the cap, Dravid said it was a well-deserved moment for the Tamil Nadu cricketer.

"You have given everything faithfully to the team and today is your 100th Test. It was a journey that started from the streets of Chennai. It's been a long and eventful journey. It wouldn't have been possible without your family. Congratulations to them as well."

# Saika gets into the act after Sciver-Brunt revives MI

**WPL SEASON 2**

**Lavanya L**
NEW DELHI

*'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.'*

One wouldn't blame the UP Warriorz for muttering this under its breath during the entire period of the chase, hoping for a miracle as the to- order wobbled again, this time pursuing 161 against Mumbai Indians at the Arun Jaitley Stadium here on Thursday. Alas, Grace Harris can only bail you out so many times, as UP Warriorz discovered in a deflating 42-run win.

Harmanpreet Kaur opted to bat on a fresh central strip at the Kotla. Chamari Athapaththu made early inroads, removing the openers with just 17 on the board. Rajeshwari Gayakwad cleaned up Nat Sciver-Brunt (45, 31b, 8x4) with a slightly faster delivery that kept low. Harmanpreet (33, 30b, 3x4, 1x6) had cautiously kept her company but soon lost her off-stump to a ripper from Saima Thakor, the latter's first WPL scalp.

Deepti Sharma removed Amanjot Kaur before a quickfire 43-run stand between Amelia Kerr and S. Sajana helped MI reach 160.

Shabnim Ismail breathed fire, as expected, leaving Alyssa Healy and Kiran Navgire feeling claustrophobic at the crease. Saika Ishaque sent Kiran back first, the batter not picking the line of the ball yet again. Hayley Matthews dismissed Athapaththu while Ismail bowled Healy to leave Warriorz reeling.

The desperation for a win that would open up the table weighed heavily on Harris' shoulders as she nervously played out 14 deliveries without scoring. She managed two massive sixes, one of which she opened her account with, but fell after a laboured 23-ball 15.

### Deepti the lone warrior

Deepti, who scored her maiden WPL fifty, smashed a six off the final ball of the innings, against the last-ball-six hero Sajana, but Warriorz' fate was sealed long before that.

**Beaten all ends up:** Kiran fails to read the line of a Saika delivery and pays the price.
SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

**SCOREBOARD**

**MUMBAI INDIANS**
Yastika Bhatia c Shweta b Athapaththu 9 *(13b, 2x4)*, Hayley Matthews c Ecclestone b Athapaththu 4 *(3b, 1x4)*, Nat Sciver-Brunt b Rajeshwari 45 *(31b, 8x4)*, Harmanpreet Kaur b Saima 33 *(30b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Amelia Kerr run out 39 *(23b, 6x4)*, Amanjot Kaur c Saima b Deepti 7 *(6b)*, S. Sajana (not out) 22 *(14b, 4x4)*; Extras (b-1): 1; Total (for six wkts. in 20 overs): 160.

**FALL OF WICKETS**
1-8 (Matthews, 1.3 overs), 2-17 (Yastika, 3.4), 3-76 (Sciver-Brunt, 11.2), 4-104 (Harmanpreet, 14.1), 5-117 (Amanjot, 15.4), 6-160 (Kerr, 19.6).

**WARRIORZ BOWLING**
Harris 3-0-18-0, Athapaththu 4-0-27-2, Rajeshwari 3-0-34-1, Ecclestone 4-0-30-0, Deepti 4-0-31-1, Saima 2-0-19-1.

**UP WARRIORZ**
Alyssa Healy b Ismail 3 *(9b)*, Kiran Navgire b Saika 7 *(8b, 1x6)*, Chamari Athapaththu c Sajana b Matthews 3 *(5b)*, Grace Harris b Saika 15 *(23b, 2x6)*, Deepti Sharma (not out) 53 *(36b, 6x4, 2x6)*, Shweta Sehrawat b Pooja 17 *(15b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Poonam Khemnar b Sciver-Brunt 7 *(10b, 1x4)*, Sophie Ecclestone c Sajana b Sciver-Brunt 0 *(1b)*, Uma Chetry c Sajana b Saika 8 *(10b, 1x4)*, Saima Thakor c Saika b Sajana 0 *(1b)*, Rajeshwari Gayakwad (not out) 1 *(2b)*; Extras (lb-1, w-3): 4; Total (for nine wkts. in 20 overs): 118.

**FALL OF WICKETS**
1-11 (Kiran, 1.5), 2-15 (Athapaththu, 3.3), 3-15 (Healy, 4.1), 4-41 (Harris, 9.2), 5-58 (Shweta, 12.2), 6-69 (Poonam, 14.3), 7-69 (Ecclestone, 14.4), 8-106 (Uma, 18.6), 9-107 (Saima, 19.2).

**MUMBAI INDIANS BOWLING**
Ismail 4-0-6-1, Saika 4-0-27-3, Matthews 4-0-22-1, Pooja 2-0-8-1, Sciver-Brunt 2-0-14-2, Kerr 2-0-23-0, Amanjot 1-0-5-0, Sajana 1-0-12-1.

**Toss:** Mumbai Indians.
**Player-of-the-Match:** Nat Sciver-Brunt.
*Mumbai Indians won by 42 runs.*
**Friday's match:** Delhi Capitals vs. UP Warriorz, 7.30 p.m.

## INBRIEF

### International umpire Erasmus set to retire

South Africa's Marais Erasmus will retire from international umpiring after officiating in the second and final Test between New Zealand and Australia in Christchurch starting on Friday. The 60-year-old Erasmus, whose long career as an umpire began in 2006, on Thursday announced his decision.

### Thunderbolts finish with a commanding win

Kolkata Thunderbolts concluded its campaign in the third season with a 15-12, 16-14, 15-11 victory over the Mumbai Meteors in the RuPay Prime Volleyball League in Chennai on Thursday.

### National junior Federation Cup athletics from today

Madhya Pradesh's pole vaulter Dev Meena, Tamil Nadu's Abhinaya Rajarajan are among the stars who will be in action in the 22nd National Federation Cup junior under-20 athletics which begin in Lucknow on Saturday.

**LIVE TELECAST**

**India vs England**: 5th Test, day 2, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 9.30 a.m.
**PVL**: Sony Sports Ten 1 (SD & HD) & LIV, 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.
**WPL**: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7.30 p.m.
**ISL**: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7.30 p.m.
**Formula One**: Saudi Arabian GP (Qualifying), F1 TV & F1 TV Pro App & FanCode, 10.30 p.m.
**LaLiga:** Sports 18-1 & Jio Cinema App, 1.30 a.m. (Saturday)
**New Zealand vs Australia:** 2nd Test, day 2, Prime Video, 3.30 a.m. (Saturday)

# Sindhu in last eight; Srikanth bows out

Playing her first BWF tour event since returning from a knee injury, the two-time Olympic medallist battles her way past Zhang

**FRENCH OPEN**

**Press Trust of India**
PARIS

India's P.V. Sindhu produced another impressive show as she rallied to a three-game win over USA's Beiwen Zhang to advance to the women's singles quarterfinals but it was curtains for K. Srikanth at the French Open Super 750 badminton tournament here on Thursday.

Playing her first BWF tour event since returning from a knee injury, Sindhu, a two-time Olympic medallist, battled her way from an opening-game reversal to outgun World No. 10 Zhang 13-21, 21-10, 21-14 to enter her first quarterfinal of the season.

Srikanth once again hit a roadblock, this time against Guang Zu to suffer yet another round-of-16 loss, something which will bother him as he held a 5-0 record against the Chinese ahead of the match.

The former World No. 1 lost 19-21, 21-12, 22-20 to the World No. 17 Chinese

In women's singles, Sindhu started the proceedings with a cross-court winner but Zhang put up a defensive wall, engaging the Indian in long rallies dominated by a series of high tosses and clears.

Sindhu struggled with the conditions as, going for the backline, the Indian committed too many unforced errors to allow Zhang lead 11-7 and 14-9.

**Digging deep:** Sindhu entered her first quarterfinal of the season. GETTY IMAGES

Zhang's lifts repeatedly found the lines, while Sindhu missed time and again. Soon the American re-established a five-point lead at 16-11 before grabbing eight game points. The Chinese converted when Sindhu sprayed into net again.

Zhang had good control over her shots as she led 3-0 with a couple of lovely drops in the second game. Sindhu managed to level things at 4-4 before pouncing on a weak return near the net to go 6-4 up.

Sindhu soon started dictating terms in the rallies to move to 9-5 with her steep returns troubling Zhang. The Indian held an 11-7 lead at the break. Sindhu opened an eight-point gap with an over-the-head smash which was followed by a cross hit.

The Indian moved to 11 game points with another precise return at the back and roared back into the contest when Zhang tossed one out.

Two smashes helped Zhang take a 4-2 lead in the decider but Sindhu made it 5-5 after winning a 34-shot rally.

Zhang's strokes were choppy as Sindhu moved to 8-5 before grabbing an 11-7 advantage.

Sindhu held on to the four-point lead at 17-13 with another over-the-head smash.

A drop shot gave Sindhu six match points and she sealed it when Zhang made a net error.

In women's doubles, Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand beat Ashwini Ponnappa and Tanisha Crasto 16-21, 21-19, 21-17 in the first round.

# Karthik to quit IPL after the current edition

Karthik.
FILE PHOTO: EMMANUAL YOGINI

**Press Trust of India**
DHARAMSHALA

India wicketkeeper-batter Dinesh Karthik is all set to make his last IPL appearance in the 2024 edition beginning on March 22, and he will decide on his international retirement after the lucrative T20 league.

The 38-year-old, who is currently contracted with Royal Challengers Bangalore, has played in all the 16 editions of the IPL since 2008 and has only missed two matches across 16 seasons.

"This 2024 edition will be his (Dinesh Karthik's) last IPL. He will decide his international retirement after the IPL," a BCCI source said on the condition of anonymity.

One of the most experienced wicketkeeper-batters in the IPL, Karthik has represented six teams in the league.

# Aussies out to spoil Williamson and Southee's 100th Test

**AUSTRALIA IN NZ**

**Agence France-Presse**
WELLINGTON

Seamer Mitchell Starc said Australia's bowlers aim to ensure New Zealand world-class batsman Kane Williamson doesn't stay long at the crease on his 100th Test appearance.

Both Williamson and New Zealand Test captain Tim Southee will play their 100th Test. Starc says the Australians want Williamson removed quickly.

"During the game, (the aim is) to make it as short as possible," Starc told reporters on Wednesday when asked about Williamson's milestone.

"Anytime you can get one of the best batters in the world out is always a nice little touch. The sooner the better."

Williamson, who has chalked up nearly 9,000 Test runs, had a torrid time in the first game against Australia.

**Special match...** Williamson and Southee. AFP

Starc said specialist spinner Lyon, who finished with ten wickets on the green wicket in Wellington, has a plan up his sleeve for Williamson.

"Nathan mentioned the other day he has worked something out, so we might just toss him the ball and let him go," Starc joked.

The Australian paid tribute to the two New Zealanders' lengthy careers.

"For Kane and Tim, it's a huge milestone this week," Starc added. "Especially for Tim - we all know how taxing it can be as a fast bowler on the body, so to play 100 Tests is a huge achievement. I'm sure they will both enjoy the week. "

# 'Sad' Nadal withdraws from ATP Indian Wells comeback

**TENNIS**

**Agence France-Presse**
INDIAN WELLS

Rafael Nadal abandoned his planned ATP Tour comeback at the Indian Wells Masters on Wednesday, saying he was not ready for the demands of tournament tennis on the eve of his opening match in California.

The Spanish icon's bombshell decision came four days after the 37-year-old lost a Las Vegas exhibition to compatriot and World No. 2 Carlos Alcaraz.

Nadal missed almost all of the 2023 season with abdominal and other injuries and has played only the Brisbane International this season, where he suffered a flare-up of a hip injury.

**Wait continues:** Nadal says he is not ready for the demands of tournament tennis. AP

The 22-time Grand Slam champion had been due to open at Indian Wells on Thursday against Canada's former Wimbledon finalist Milos Raonic.

"It is with great sadness that I have to withdraw from this amazing tournament at Indian Wells," Nadal said in a statement.

"I have been working hard ... but I don't find myself ready to play at the highest level at such an important event.

"It is not an easy decision, it's a tough one as a matter of fact but I can't lie to myself and lie to the thousands of fans.

"I will miss you all and I am sure the tournament will be a great success."

**Nagal in main draw**

Sumit Nagal has advanced to the main draw of the BNP Paribas Open as a 'lucky loser' after Nadal withdrew from the event.

The 26-year-old Nagal had lost in the second round of the qualifying tournament but got the big break as he was the highest ranked player in that draw. He is currently placed 101st in the ATP rankings and was entitled to go through in case of a last-minute main draw withdrawal.

# I am training hard and feeling good: Neeraj

**ATHLETICS**

**ANI**
KOLKATA

Indian world champion and Olympic gold medalist javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra said that ahead of Paris Olympics to be held this year, he feels at the very top, preparation-wise, and his best is yet to come.

Neeraj, who is one of India's top medal prospects for the Paris Olympics 2024, where he will be defending his javelin throw title, was speaking on RevSportz Trailblazers Conclave 2.0 in Kolkata on Wednesday.

Joining through a video link from South Africa, Neeraj said he will be in the best shape for Paris 2024."I am training hard and feeling good. I feel I am yet to perform to the best of my abilities. I also get a feeling that this is the best prepared I have ever been. It will get better in the days to come.

Neeraj Chopra. GETTY IMAGES

"Competition will be tough. A young German has recently cleared 90m. And I will be defending my title. I enjoy this competition," said Neeraj.

## KARNATAKA ROUND UP

**Kishan triumphs**

BENGALURU: R. Kishan defeated Parvez Ahmed in the final to emerge the State-ranking tenpin bowling tournament champion at the Amoeba Bowling Center.
In Game 1 of the final played based on cumulative pinfall of two games, Kishan scored 200 against 191 by Parvez to gain a lead of 9 pins. In Game 2, Parvez scored 209 and fell short of Kishan's score of 218.
**Special prizes:**
**Highest average in six game block (men):** Kishan (213.33); **Highest average in 18 game block (men):** Akaash Ashok Kumar (192.00); **Highest ranked women bowler:** Geetha Poojary (12th).

Winner Kishan, left and runner-up Parvez. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

**Sruthi powers SWR**

Sruthi's 23 points powered South Western Railway past Bangalore Vanguards in the semifinal super league of the Mathur Cup State women's basketball tournament.
**The results:**
**Semifinal (Super League):** Mounts Club 58 (Niharika 13, Pavani 12) bt Bangalore Vanguards 40 (Prashitha 10, Tisha 10); SWR 56 (Sruthi 13, Sathya 11) bt Beagles 30; SWR 76 (Sruthi 23, Satya 15) bt Bangalore Vanguards 37 (Tisha 13, Priyanka 13); Mounts Club 57 (Niharika 16, Pavani 14) bt Beagles 54 (Chandana 29, Mekhala 17).

# Gil scores the winner for Punjab FC

**ISL-10**

**Sports Bureau**
GUWAHATI

Punjab FC secured its fourth win in its last six matches of the Indian Super League (ISL) as it beat NorthEast United FC 1-0 on Thursday. A 63rd-minute spot-kick by Wilmar Jordan Gil ensured that the debutant moved to 20 points from 18 matches and was ninth in the standings.

The win kept the resurgent Punjab FC firmly in the race for the top-six. The team is just a point behind the sixth-placed Bengaluru FC, having played the same number of games.

# BAI announces cash incentives for players, support staff

**Sports Bureau**
HYDERABAD

Badminton Association of India announced a cash incentive of over ₹1.12 crore to the players and support staff for their success in major international tournaments including Asian Games, Badminton Asia Team Championship and the BWF World Juniors.

The women's team that won the Badminton Asia Team Championship (BATC) crown last month will get ₹35 lakh, 2022 Asian Games gold medallist men's doubles combination of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty are awarded ₹12 lakh, 2022 Asian Games men's singles bronze medallist H.S. Prannoy will receive ₹5 lakh while the men's team that bagged the 2022 Asian Games silver for the first time will collectively get a prize sum of ₹40 lakh.

The BAI has also rewarded 2023 BWF World Championships bronze medallist Ayush Shetty (₹ 1 lakh), Badminton Asia Junior U-15 boys singles champion Bornil Aakash Changmai (₹ 2 lakh), U-17 girls singles silver medallist Tanvi Sharma (₹1 lakh) and U-15 boys singles bronze medallist Jagsher Singh Khangurra ( 50,000).

# Sanjeet goes down to Aibek Oralbay in round-of-64

**BOXING**

**Sports Bureau**

National champion Sanjeet (92kg) lost to 2022 Asian champion Aibek Oralbay of Kazakhstan 5-0 in a round-of-64 bout in the first World Olympic boxing qualifier at Busto Arsizio (Italy) late on Wednesday.

Nishant Dev (71kg) will face Olympian Eskerkhan Madiev, a Russia-born Georgian, in the round-of-32.

Mohammad Hussamuddin (57kg), who received a first round bye, will begin his campaign against Jude Gallagher of Ireland on Friday.

# Drama in the paddock ahead of the Saudi Arabian GP

**FORMULA ONE**

**Associated Press**
JEDDAH

All the action in Formula 1 is happening off the track.

World champion Max Verstappen's father wants to oust the boss of Red Bull, the team that took his son to three consecutive titles. The president of the governing body has reportedly been accused of interfering in one race and trying to stop the Las Vegas street course from being certified for racing. Half the grid is chasing the Mercedes seat that will be empty when Lewis Hamilton leaves at the end of the year.

With so much drama in the paddock, Verstappen's runaway victory at the season-opener in Bahrain last weekend was the least dramatic moment of the past month.

When asked after the opener if Verstappen will cruise to a fourth straight title, Mercedes boss Toto Wolff said, "Unfortunately, yes."

Practice in the Saudi Arabian city of Jeddah begins on Thursday with F1 dogged by unresolved tension and open conflict.

First, there's the turmoil at Red Bull despite Verstappen's win by more than 22 seconds over teammate Sergio Perez. Team principal Christian Horner remains in charge a week after the team's parent company dismissed a complaint that alleged misconduct by Horner towards a team employee. He has denied wrongdoing.

Later, British and Dutch newspapers published comments from Verstappen's father Jos attacking Horner.

The team "will explode" if Horner stays in charge, he told *The Daily Mail*. But before Jos Verstappen's comments could launch another round of gossip, rumours and speculation, the spotlight was suddenly shifted from Horner to FIA president Mohammed Ben Sulayem.

The BBC reported Ben Sulayem was under an internal FIA investigation after two whistleblower reports accused the president of interfering in races. The whistleblower claimed the president intervened to have a penalty for Fernando Alonso overturned at last year's race in Saudi Arabia.